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ISLAND FARM: 'Talk to us about latest road plans'

– Bridgend Town Council demands

by JAYNE ISAAC

BRIDGEND Town Council is to seek information from Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) about changes that are proposed to roundabouts and the road system because of the Island Farm development plan.

Coun Bob Burns said that the town council should be consulted because residents living near the Ewenny Road roundabout had received letters saying that some changes may be needed to accommodate extra queuing lanes needed at the roundabout.

The GEM understands that some residents could lose part of their front gardens.

"We need full details of all the implications," Coun Burns said.

"We have issues also at the Picton Court roundabout, and I know the Broadlands roundabout further down the A48 could also be changed."

BCBC has commissioned a report on the effects of the multi-million pound sports development at Island Farm on traffic patterns in the area.

The new development would give Bridgend RFC a new ground, plus a separate ground for Bridgend AFC.

There would also be facilities for cricket, tennis, boxing and hockey clubs on the 128-acre site alongside the old Bridgend by-pass. It is being proposed by the Bridgend firm HD Ltd.

Bridgend Town Council is to contact the borough for information about what is happening.

Concern over Karen

LEFT: Karen Thomas

POLICE are appealing for information on the whereabouts of Karen Thomas (46) from Bridgend, who has been missing from her home at Priory Avenue since May 1.

Karen is described as approx 5'7 to 5'8 tall, with short light brown straight hair. She was last seen wearing a lime green hooded top, navy tracksuit bottoms and trainers, and has access to a grey coloured 'W' registered Renault Scenic.

Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of Karen Thomas is asked to contact Bridgend CID on 01656 679518, or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

WILDMILL COULD MISS OUT

Scrapping of local play-scheme upsets town councillors

NEWS that the summer holiday play-scheme at Wildmill has been scrapped has upset some members of Bridgend Town Council, *JAYNE ISAAC reports.*

The council received a strategy document from Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) outlining proposed changes to the provision of these schemes in the borough.

The budget has been halved and the council has decided to run a smaller number of strategically located schemes using play, sport, creative activities and healthy lifestyle options.

And the ones that it is offering are dependent on town and community councils picking up half the tab.

If other schemes are requested, the town and community councils will have to shoulder the cost themselves.

Only one scheme is proposed for the Bridgend town area, at the Recreation Centre, with a second scheme at Bryntirion Comprehensive which comes under Laleston Community Council.

Under the new strategy, the borough's comprehensive schools will generally be the focal point – including those in Pencoed, Porthcawl, Ynysawdre and possibly Kenfig Hill. But in other places, sports centres will be used including Maesteg, Ogmore Valley and the Garw Valley.

Coun David Unwin, leader of Bridgend Town Council, stated that it was clear that the old system was no longer viable from BCBC's point of view, and it was also debatable if they were value for money from the town and community councils' viewpoint.

He said that the borough was seeking a contribution of £2,500 from the town council for the scheme in Bridgend.

"This is less than we used to pay so it's a saving. This is worth looking at to see if the new schemes are better used."

Coun Peter Foley was concerned that the scheme at Wildmill was being scrapped: "Seventy youngsters used this scheme every day and it was a boon for families who cannot afford to take their children away during the summer holidays. Its success was also reflected in better crime figures in the area.

"Summer nights will be a problem if the kids are doing nothing all day."

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Questions over disabled access at railway station

DISABLED access to Bridgend Railway Station has been discussed by members of Bridgend Town Council.

Coun Diane Burns asked what the arrangements were, in view of the fact that the platform for going east was accessible via a footbridge over the track within the station.

Coun David Unwin replied that the arrangement was that disabled travellers go to the entrance off Ogmore Terrace, ring a bell and staff then let them in. They are then on the right side of the tracks.

He added that it was advisable to telephone ahead if possible, although that was not always possible. Coun Burns stated that visitors to the area would not know about this and could turn up at the station entrance – to be told they had to make their way halfway around the town to reach Ogmore Terrace.

"Could we see if they can do something better?" she asked.

Coun Unwin said that Bridgend was a very busy station and the council could ask if the operators are satisfied with the arrangements for disabled travellers.

Coun Haydn Morgan commented that he had some visitors from Newcastle who needed to have disabled access and they had been subjected to a "comedy of errors."

"I rang the number that was advertised and the guy on the other end said I needed to ring a different number, which he gave me.

"When I checked, it was the same number that I had already rung. He was actually speaking to me on the number he was suggesting I should ring!"

He said that when they got to the station and rang the bell at the Ogmore Junction entrance, he had received a ticking off from a member of staff who came to open the gate and told them they should have got in touch in advance.

"I don't know what the hell is going on there," added Coun Morgan.

But Coun Roger Marsh said that his daughter uses the service regularly. When she books her wheelchair space on a particular train, staff know she is arriving. Staff come to let her in as soon as she rings the bell.

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Vote, vote, vote, for BCBC finalists as Council Workers of the Year...

TWO Bridgend County Borough Council employees are in the running for the prestigious Council Worker of the Year Awards 2010.

They are the only finalists from Wales – and they need your votes!

Clive Blackshaw and Stephen Cottrell are nominated in the Lifetime Achievement and Green award categories respectively, and will battle it out with 21 workers from councils across the UK in local government's most prestigious awards.

Until July 8, the number of public votes will decide who ultimately gets the trophy in each of the six categories.

A council spokesman said: "Clive has clocked up an impressive 42 years' service for BCBC and its predecessors – all without a single day off sick! But it isn't just the length of service that makes him exceptional.

"The warmth and affection of his colleagues, combined with his positive attitude and dedication to duty make him deserving of recognition.

"Clive began his career in local government in 1968 as an electrician, progressing to supervisor and then manager of the electrical unit.

"During emergencies, a local authority is really put to the test and that's why Clive is so important in Bridgend.

In the heavy winter of 1982, Clive was called to duty on the Thursday when the snow struck, and slept in the depot until the following Tuesday, so that he could support customers through the blizzards."

ABOVE: Clive Blackshaw and Stephen Cottrell.

The spokesman continued: "Stephen embraces the subject of recycling with unbounded enthusiasm. In his role as the council's direct services manager for highways, he is acutely aware of the impact that the highway maintenance service inflicts on the environment.

"Its consumption of huge quantities of resources, to maintain a 21st century road network, must be balanced against the need to recycle materials and protect our local flora and fauna.

Stephen spearheaded an initiative to divert the thousands of tonnes of soil, stone and road-planings, once considered only good enough for landfill.

This material is now recycled, blended and reused, saving tens of thousands of pounds in disposal charges and landfill taxes."

In six months, over eight thousand tonnes of crushed stone and blended soils were recycled and used for local projects, including landscaping cycle tracks and footways.

Stephen and his team had also recently achieved the coveted level five Green Dragon status.

Council Leader Mel Nott said: "Communities are so important in Bridgend and Clive and Steve have both gone over and above to do the best job possible for theirs.

"We need everyone locally, and across Wales, to rally behind Clive and Steve to show the rest of the UK that we provide excellent services in Wales, which reach out to communities and have a significant impact on the lives of those living in them.

"Council workers often go unrecognised for their hard work.

"I am pleased, not just for Bridgend, but for all local authority employees, that these awards exist to celebrate those who do their jobs with unwavering commitment and enthusiasm, day in day out."

He urged residents to back Bridgend's best: "All it takes is a click, so please vote for Clive Blackshaw and Stephen Cottrell!"

HOW TO VOTE:

- *Log on to www.localgovernmentchannel.com/awards to cast your vote. You can also watch films of both Clive and Stephen, as well as the other finalists;*
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- ***Voting closes at midday on July 8.***

Public can view new ARC centre

AN open day for the public is being held at Bridgend's new £2m ARC centre on Friday, May 21 from 11am-2pm.

"Bridgend county borough works in partnership with Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board to offer a service called Assisting Recovery in the Community (ARC) which supports adults with mental health issues," a spokeswoman explained.

"The Quarella Road building was officially opened by First Minister Carwyn Jones in March and its striking architectural design means it is already a landmark in Bridgend town centre. The event offers the community an opportunity to find out about some of the services available in Bridgend county borough for people experiencing mental health issues.

"Around a quarter of all people will suffer poor mental health at some time in their life, and ARC is able to offer local adults structured support and activities that are based in the wider community, ranging from social and leisure activities to education, employment and skills for daily living."

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Please write to Principality Building Society, Memory Appeal, Marketing Department, PO Box 89, Cardiff CF10 5NS; email *150celebrations@principality.co.uk* or drop into the local branch in Caroline Street and speak to one of our friendly staff.

Sue Parks, Anne Jones, Susan Dobbinson (Bridgend, Llantwit Major and Cowbridge branch managers)

'Check these clothing collection scams *before you give*' – warning

BRACKLA residents are being advised to check clothing collection bags carefully, following reports of a number of unlicensed companies operating in Bridgend county borough.

BCBC says the companies, which usually claim the unwanted clothing will raise funds for charities, have targeted Brackla in particular – along with several other areas of the borough.

They will often put several bags through doors each week and give only one or two days' notice before they arrive to collect the bags.

The council's licensing section is advising residents to "carefully consider every approach that is made to them."

Deputy Leader, Coun David Sage, whose cabinet portfolio includes licensing, said:

"There are many genuine companies who are asking for unwanted clothes. They will be linked to well-known local and national charities and will have been vetted and licensed by Bridgend County Borough Council, or be approved to carry out national collections.

"Unfortunately, some companies try to avoid this process and often there is no way of tracing either who is behind the operation, or how much money, if any, the good cause receives. We are very keen that only genuine charities receive your generous donations, so it's very important that you check before you give.

"The council is working to tackle doorstep crime and residents are advised to check with us before donating their unwanted clothes, to ensure that the collection is genuine."

If you have suspicions about a leaflet or charity collection bag, telephone the licensing section on 01656 643103; or email the details of the company, including their email address to licensing@bridgend.gov.uk so that the necessary checks can be made.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL MAY 27)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
20 Thur	11.54	8.3		
21 Fri	00.21	8.5	13.00	8.2
22 Sat	01.24	8.5	14.08	8.2
23 Sun	02.41	8.4	15.23	8.4
24 Mon	03.52	8.7	16.25	8.8
25 Tues	04.49	8.9	17.17	9.0
26 Wed	05.39	9.1	18.08	9.2
27 Thur	06.31	9.3	18.56	9.4

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide tablespecific to their location.

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Maesteg man's 'remorse' over possession of ecstasy tablets

Report by AJ SICLUNA

POLICE who went to a house in Bridgend found a young man in possession of 10 ecstasy tablets, Cardiff Crown Court heard.

Also found was drugs paraphernalia. Nathan Richards (19) of Maesteg accepted that the ecstasy tablets were for his personal use.

Richards had pleaded guilty before Bridgend magistrates of possessing the drugs, and had been committed to the Crown Court for sentence.

He was made subject to a community order, and a supervision order for one year. In addition, he was ordered to carry out 100 hours unpaid work in the community.

Judge Chistopher Llewellyn-Jones warned him: "If you don't comply with these orders, you will be back here very quickly."

Richards' counsel Morwen Williams said: "He is willing to comply with any community sentence.

"It was not a large number of tablets and he has expressed real remorse."

Pub regulars' efforts mean funds for Forces' charity

PHOTOGRAPHS by KEITH E MORGAN

ABOVE: Sean Whare presenting a bottle of Champagne to Jerry Nash as a token of appreciation for their fundraising efforts.

ABOVE: The cheque for £1,890 was presented by Pam and Jerry Nash to runners, Sean Whare, Darren Powell, and Mike Hynda.

A PORTHCAWL pub's fundraising efforts have resulted in almost £2,000 being donated to a Forces charity.

Since November 2009, Pam and Jerry Nash, the landlords of the Jolly Sailor in Newton, have been organising all types of events and functions to raise money for the 'Help for Heroes' charity.

The success of their efforts was reflected in the cheque for £1,890 – which they presented to three Porthcawl men who recently completed a marathon 10-day run from north to south Wales in aid of the same cause.

Residents' fears at 'semi-derelict site'

THE FORMER Revlon factory site in Maesteg has been left in a semi-derelict state, after demolition work was stopped by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

Residents of nearby Oakwood estate are worried about risks to children getting onto the site at present, as some walls have been left standing from partially demolished buildings.

Damage to the external fencing, caused by a car crashing into it, has resulted in a breach, through which residents claim children can gain access, although a spokesman for the HSE insisted that the owners have 24-hour security on the site.

A statement from the HSE revealed that a prohibition notice had been issued on the demolition contractors in February, which required the company to produce a plan for the safe management and removal of asbestos cement sheeting debris on the site.

The HSE said that this could have posed a risk to those working on the site.

The company produced an appropriate plan but has since withdrawn from the site and the site owners now have to engage another contractor to clear it. In the meantime, contractors have been engaged to keep the asbestos cement in a safe condition until it is removed.

The spokesman said that the owners were responsible for security and to prevent trespass, and the HSE had been assured that there was 24-hour security present.

The site is privately owned and is in the process of being cleared. It is adjoining the old Silent Channel factory, which was recently bought by Bridgend County Borough Council for industrial use.

There has been speculation that this site may also be bought, but no information on this is available.

Learning that 'British' on label might not mean what you think

YSTRADOWEN WI

PRESIDENT Val chaired the May meeting to discuss this year's resolution, which specifically targets imported meat, fish and poultry, and would make it a legal requirement for any item labelled 'British' to be British from 'field to fork'.

At present, the labelling of these foods is confusing, and regulations define 'country of origin' as the one where the last 'significant change' took place.

Those who want to support local farmers and are concerned about animal welfare and the environment, want the mandatory labelling of meat to be labelled 'British' only if it's born, reared and slaughtered here.

The UK Government, while committed to clearer product labelling, backs a voluntary approach. After a short discussion, members voted unanimously for this year's resolution.

Members donated a small wrapped gift and these were then 'bought back' and the funds raised given for the 'Light a Candle' project.

This teaches women in foreign countries to make candles, enabling them to augment their family income by making and selling candles.

Two members demonstrated flower arranging and a third member, a botanist, gave a very interesting talk about the science of plants.

Next month, members visit Waitrose at Pontprennau for a talk about the 'History of Waitrose' as part of the John Lewis group.

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Sir Willard joins Bridgend choir!

BRIDGEND Male Choir is putting on the following performances: Friday, June 4, at 7pm, joint concert with Dutch Millennium Choir, Utrecht at Bethlehem Church Life Centre, Cefn Cribbwr.

Saturday, June 12 at 6pm, 'Choirs in the Castle' at Coity Castle (with other choirs).

Saturday, July 3, at 7.30pm, Bridgend Male Choir annual concert at Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl featuring Sir Willard White. ***Tickets from box office (01656 815995.***

Big Screen

BIG SCREEN'S next presentation is *It's Complicated* (cert 15), which will be shown on Thursday, May 27, at 7.30pm in the Town Hall, Cowbridge.

This is a film about the difficulties that arise when Jane (Meryl Streep) meets up with her ex, Jake (Alec Baldwin) who has remarried. Adam (Steve Martin), an architect working on Jane's house, gets drawn into a love triangle.

Tickets are £3 (available in advance from the town clerk's office, or on the door).

Varied speakers keep the branch entertained

NEWTON PORTHCAWL WI NEWS

THE monthly meeting of Newton Porthcawl WI on Wednesday, May 5, was a resolution meeting, but first future and past events came up for discussion.

The link meeting at Awel Y Mor on April 21 was a very enjoyable occasion with very good entertainment.

The choir from Coytrahen was much appreciated – all were in a very good voice with a varied repertoire (a new but up-and-coming minstrel band.)

The talk by Miss Pitt on the life of Joyce Grenfell was a great success, with many interesting facts about the well-loved entertainer and some of her best-known songs and monologues were rendered in a most professional way.

The council meeting held in Cardiff on April 22 was another good event, with three excellent speakers – Mr Peter Bowen Simpkins, a well-known gynaecologist, John Meningham Taylor and last but not least, our own talented Ruth Jones.

There was an introductory talk by Holly Prosser, a young Community Support Officer with the police, who is responsible for the Newton area, part of a new scheme, Porthcawl Watch.

The meeting was then concluded with a hearty rendering of the Welsh national anthem.

If you are interested in finding out more or would like to join our WI, contact Rosemary on 01656 783772, or Judy on 01656 785477.

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Bryntirion couple celebrate 60 years of happy marriage

ABOVE: Valerie and Malcolm Angell receiving a bouquet of flowers and a congratulation card from Coun Jeff Tildesley. The couple had already received a card from the Queen.
(PHOTOGRAPHS by KEITH E MORGAN)

A BRIDGEND couple who met at a nurses dance have just celebrated 60 years of marriage.

The Mayor of Bridgend County Borough Council, Coun Jeff Tildesley, recently presented a bouquet of flowers to Valerie and Malcolm Angell of Bryn Glas, Bryntirion, on the their diamond wedding anniversary.

Valerie Cross and Sydney Malcolm Angell first met at the nurses annual dance in Quarrela Road. They were married on March 25, 1950, in St David's Church, Laleston. The reception was in the church hall and laid on by their parents.

Initially, the couple lived in a prefab in Brynmenyn, (the prefabs are still there!). They then moved to their present home in Bryn Glas where they have lived for the past 42 years.

ABOVE: Valerie with an example of her French pen painting.

Malcolm was born in Tondu in 1926. He left school when he was 14, and up to the time he retired at 77, he had experience of 53 different jobs and trades.

During the National Emergency of 1944 – 49, Malcolm served with the Welch Regiment in Burma.

Valerie was born in Laleston in 1930 and was a care worker. For recreation, she does French pen painting; painting with oils and a knife, which gives an embroidered effect to the finished work.

They have two sons and one daughter, four grandchildren (three boys; and one girl) and three great grandchildren.

They have just returned from a holiday in Thailand where they have been visiting one of their sons.

KPC Youth open over half term

KPC YOUTH, charity at Pyle, will be open daily during the school Whitsun half-term holidays (except the Bank Holiday Monday), from 10am until 3pm daily for 8 to 12 year olds, and until 5pm for over 13s. Young people from Bridgend county are all welcome to attend. Evening opening will be: Wednesday 5.30– 8pm for 8-12s, and 8–10pm for 13+. Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5.30–10pm for ages 13+ only.

KPC Youth offers on-site activities, including outdoor skate park, bmx track, multi-sports court, adventure play area, computers with internet access, drum room, arts/crafts, pool and table tennis.

Numerous Whitsun holidays activities are also planned.

The centre is located next to Pil Primary School off Pyle Inn Way, Pyle. Membership is £1.50, with daytime and evening sessions costing £1 per session for members, £1.50 for non-members. If you're aged between 13-17 there's even free Admission during the half-term holiday, if you become a member!

KPC also operates a free minibus service which will run a return trip back to Cefn Cribwr and Cornelly on a Tuesday and Thursday night for ages 13+. To find out more, call in at the Centre, phone 01656 745399/749219 or email: kpcyouth@hotmail.com.

TENOVUS BUS BRINGS A NEW SERVICE TO THE BOROUGH

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RIGHT:
The visiting party has a close-up look at some of the facilities on the bus.

RECENTLY, Coun Mary Emment-Lewis, the Mayor-elect of Porthcawl and a big supporter of cancer charities in Wales, visited the Tenovus 'Bus' when it called at Sainsbury's Super Market, Sarn.

The Tenovus Bus, or as it should be correctly called, the Tenovus Mobile Unit, is the first of its kind in this country and cost around £300,000 to build.

It was officially launched by Rhodri Morgan in February and like the famous lager advert, it is designed to reach all parts of the Principality, initially south Wales, bringing care, treatment, including chemotherapy, advice and learning to the heart of communities.

The mobile unit is made up of an articulated traction unit with attached caravan that can be opened up and expanded to provide a comprehensive range of rooms and facilities.

Coun Emment-Lewis was invited by Pat Aspey, the assistant manager of the Tenovus shop in John Street, Porthcawl, and Muriel Smith, a Tenovus volunteer.

The visiting party was joined by Michael Evans of Llangeinor and shown around the unit by Lucy Reader, the Tenovus mobile unit co-ordinator. Sue Rayfield, cancer support manager, was also on hand to provide advice.

Tenovus has a charity shop in John Street, Porthcawl, where Coun Mary Emment-Lewis is a volunteer.

The shop sells good quality clothing, bedding, curtains, shoes, handbags, hats, DVDs, CDs, books and bric-a-brac to help raise money for the upkeep and running of the Tenovus Bus and for more similar mobile units in the future.

The shop always needs these good quality items and is also in need of new volunteers, both on the mobile unit and in the shops.

• *Anyone interested should telephone 01656 783778, or call into the shop in John Street, Porthcawl.*

The Tenovus Bus can be found in the Designer Outlet Village at Sarn, Bridgend, between the Odeon and Sainsburys every Monday, from 10am – 4pm.

The GEM Quiz League teasers

Here are your teasers for the week:

1 Which notorious 20th century American bankrobber was nicknamed 'Jack Rabbit' by virtue of his gracious movement and ability to jump over bank counters and gates?

2 Who wrote the words 'Seasons of Mist and mellow fruitfulness, close bosom friend of the maturing sun'?

3 Which horse in 1989 was the last before Sea the Stars to win the Derby and 2,000 guineas in the same year?

4 Which of the planets has satellites Titania and Oberon?

A RUDGE
(Hon sec BGQL)

ANSWERS
1. John Dillinger.
2. Keats.
3. Nashwan.
4. Uranus.

MAESTEG NEWS IN BRIEF

THE cost of installing the stand-alone toilet in the Llynfi Road car park has increased by £5,000 to more than £20,000, Maesteg town council has been told.

Unforeseen additional extra work to connect the unit to the main sewer and water supply are to blame. As the costs were unavoidable, they have been approved.

Work is expected to be completed shortly.

Car park costs

Repairs to the upper deck of the Llynfi Road car park have been estimated to cost £80,000.

The town council asked BCBC to carry out work on the deck because of ponding and problems with the rubberised surface.

BCBC has said it has no money available for this work and is considering increasing the service charge to the four shops that use the deck over the next five years.

The car park is owned by the council but leased to a property company. But new line making will be carried out this year.

Who wants to build what and where?

Primesight Ltd – **Murco Service Station, Coychurch Road, Pencoed** – one internally illuminated pole mounted display unit.

Tudor Properties – **land adjacent 46 Pond Mawr, Maesteg** – four bedroom dormer bungalow and two parking spaces.

Mr D Anthony – **Cwm Risca Farm, Tondu, Bridgend** – installation and siting of a new 18-metre lattice tower turbine generator (wind).

Castle End Developments **– O/V Sports and Social Club, 5-6 Bethania Row, Ogmore Vale** – demolish rear extensions, convert and alter club into two self-contained residential dwellings (one three bed and one four bed).

Mr and Mrs Hanford – **38 St Mary's View, Coychurch, Bridgend** – proposed ground and first floor extension.

Dr K Carter – **14 The Burrows, Porthcawl** – erection of boundary fence.

Mrs S Bryant – **The Cottage, Coychurch** – relaxation of condition on P/07/558/RLX – to extend expiry date.

Mr A Shankland – **74 Greenacres, South Cornelly** – first floor extension.

Ms G Rees – **20 Coronation Road, Maesteg** – single storey side and rear extension to provide new kitchen.

Mr Charles Francis – **96 Fulmar Road, Porthcawl** – single storey side extension to detached chalet bungalow.

BCBC Executive Director **– Litchard Primary School, Heol y Groes, Litchard, Bridgend** – alterations to car park and associated enabling works.

HD Ltd – **3 Cross Street, Elder Yard, Bridgend** – proposed alteration, refurbishment and extension of existing building to ground floor retail space, first and second floor offices.

Mr J Price – **62 Graham Avenue, Penyfai, Bridgend** – alterations to roof structure to increase internal and to provide pitched roof over front of garage.

HD Limited – **Elder Yard, Bridgend** – proposed development of derelict area to public open space.

Mr Campbell – **3 Heol y Cwrt, North Cornelly** – hipped Edwardian-style conservatory to rear of dwelling.

Mrs L Williams – **72 Rockfields, Porthcawl** – side porch and first floor dormer to bungalow and re-aligned garden walls.

Anchormill Limited – **land at Duffryn Oaks, Hendre Road, Pencoed** – amend plot 15 to incorporate double garage and add stone facing to elevations.

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WE'RE STILL IN TOUCH AFTER (ONLY) 43 YEARS!

ABOVE: The 43rd anniversary of the League of Nurses, Bridgend General Hospital, was held once again held at Sandville Court, Ton Kenfig.

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RIGHT: Nurses who all started as pre-nursing students together in Bridgend General Hospital, Quarella Road. Left to right (using maiden names) are: Kathleen Keane, Nan Willcox, Joyce Thomas, Jean Tudor, Barbara Howells, Diane Woodhouse, Margaret Flower, Jean Pitt and Gwyneth Davies.

FORMER nurses at Bridgend General Hospital are still keeping a day free in the calendar for a reunion – and they recently notched up number 43!

The 43rd anniversary of the League of Nurses, from Bridgend General Hospital, was held again this year at the Sandville Self-Help Centre, Ton Kenfig.

When first started by Gwyneth Poacher, the reunions were held in Quarrela Road, Bridgend, but for the last 19 years, the league has met at Sandville for the reunions.

Gwyneth Davies and Diane Woodhouse, both 17 year olds, started together as pre-nursing students on Ward Three under Staff Nurse Margaret Flower on the same day, April 6, 1950, in Bridgend General Hospital, Quarella Road.

Six years later, they were to get married on the same day; June 2, 1956.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

Your local correspondent is Nancy Davidge, "Tynewydd", Llangan. (01656) 860303

Urdd visit

THERE was a great deal of excitement at Llangan Primary School on Friday, May 14 when 10 pupils of the Urdd group, accompanied by three members of staff, were taken by coach to Llangranog, near Aberyswyth.

The children will take part in the various activities at the centre and, as in previous years, should have a fantastic time.

Safety talk

TEACHERS, parents and school governors attended a talk on safety at Llangan school.

The speaker, PC Emma Maudic, advised everyone on safety needed when using the internet and mobile phones.

All those who attended the meeting left feeling better informed.

Fire visit

A MEMBER of the fire service visited Llangan Primary School and gave an informative talk about fire safety.

Teaching staff are hopeful the fire service will be able to attend this year's supper fete, which will take place on July 3.

More information on this at a later date.

Church concert

A MUSICAL concert at St Canna's Church, presented by the Minnesingers (travelling singers) will take place on Friday, June 18, at 7.30pm.

Tickets to include a raffle, can be obtained from Beth Jones (01656 862965).

Treoes ball

A midsummer ball will take place on June 19 at Treoes Community Hall. For further information, email *treoes.hall@google.com*

Do Ogmore residents want an allotment?

RESIDENTS in the Ogmore-by-Sea and St Bride's Major area are being asked if they want an allotment in the area.

The Vale Council requires evidence of local demand before it can consider where an allotment could be created.

Local resident Rachel Whitney contacted The GEM and said: "If anyone is concerned about their carbon footprint, and doesn't believe that flying in beans from Brazil or cabbages from Kenya is a good idea, I would like them to contact me on whitney_rachele@hotmail.com"

Garw's 'mini railway' opens

THE Garw Valley Railway have given their miniature railway a permanent new home alongside the Garw Valley community route in Pontycymer.

The 10.25" inch gauge railway is to open to the public on Saturday, May 29, and Monday, May 31, between 11am and 3.30pm, fares are 50p.

Car parking is available in the car park between Pontycymer Leisure Centre and the railway's loco shed.

The miniature railway is located alongside the shed and accessed from the community route.

Your chance to share the community news

NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM:

If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me.

I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

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Wartime memories

WHEN Eunice Williams opened the meeting on May 12, the Second World War years came flooding back to Aberkenfig & District Women's Institute in the shape of Mike Clubb, who has written a book entitled *The Welsh Arsenal*.

Mike was introduced by Eunice, and he went on to show slides and explain how the Arsenal came to be built in Bridgend.

Stanley Baldwin, Conservative Prime Minister, made the decision to build the new Arsenal in Wales in 1935 when it became apparent that Germany was increasing her fire power.

There was a lot of opposition from the Labour party, Plaid Cymru and the Glamorgan Council, but the arsenal was built in 1937, together with hostels for single girls and two housing estates for families.

More than 32,000 people were employed from across Glamorgan, plus a number of experienced armaments workers from Woolwich Arsenal, who came to help set up operations, and many of their families still live in Bridgend; 75 per cent of the workforce was female, as most of the men folk were on active service.

Tunnels were dug under Brackla Hill in the same style as the London underground tunnels; 36 miles of railway tracks were laid at the arsenal itself, on which were shunted 10 little diesel engines.

The quality of the buildings and fittings was first class; all the doors were made of mahogany, and there was a wealth of facilities for sport and social workers. Len Corbett, a former England rugby player, helped set up the factory and its amenities.

According to Mike's statistics, there were 17 fatalities at the Arsenal between January 1941 and July 1945 – 11 men and six women.

There is a plaque in Dunraven Place as a memorial to those who died in the Arsenal.

A vote of thanks was given by Dilys Mitchell, who explained that two of their long standing members came to Wales as a result of their fathers being transferred from Woolwich Arsenal to Bridgend.

The next meeting of Aberkenfig and District WI is on June 9, when the speaker will be Jane Thorpe, whose subject is 'Work as a Magistrate'. The competition will be for an item beginning with the letter 'U'.

As this meeting is the 29th anniversary of Aberkenfig WI, there will be a birthday tea. New members and visitors are always welcome to the meetings at 2pm on the second Wednesday of each month at the Welfare Hall, Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig.

Ace runner

MRS Sue Pilcher, headteacher of Tondu Primary School, has congratulated Lowri Grindle, who took part in the recent primary schools cross country competition at Bryntirion comprehensive school.

This young lady is helping the school achieve its aim of becoming a force in the athletic world in Bridgend area.

Miss Handley is inviting relatives of pupils in her class to attend the assembly tomorrow (May 21) at 10.20am. It is hoped to have representatives of BOBATH attend to receive the sponsorship money, which at present is approximately £650.

Grant Cockeril, energy officer from Groundwork the environmental charity, is assisting the school on various methods of energy conservation.

At present, he is helping the pupils to make a greenhouse and cold frame using two-litre soft drink bottles, for which the school has collected 180 so far.

The school has also been saving energy by switching off all electrical appliances and light fittings not in use at the time.

The school has set up a competition, entitled the 'Golden Bulb', between the classes.

Last week, this was won by year-4 pupils who turned off the most appliances.

Trip west

THE 32 members and friends of Aberkenfig Retired Persons Club recently had a day trip to Carmarthen, but unfortunately, a number had withdrawn through illness.

It was raining when the coach left Aberkenfig, but it had stopped on arrival in Carmarthen, and everyone proceeded to the new complex in St Catherine Way.

The old market has been completely refurbished.

The town was dominated by the Norman castle, known to have existed at its present location in 1105, the town becoming the administrative centre of south-west Wales.

The castle underwent a series of attacks and rebuilding episodes during the turbulent struggles between Welsh and English in the 12th and 13th centuries.

On the return journey, the coach took the scenic route through Kidwelly, itself dominated by a castle used for the initial location in the film *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*.

From Kidwelly, the coach proceeded to Burry Port – which came into being in 1850 because of the extensive canal and rail systems being built in the area during the Industrial Revolution.

The club meets at the Len Evans Centre, Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig every Wednesday between 1.45-4pm. Visitors and new members are welcome. Telephone Joyce/Tom on 01656 720823/720026 for more information.

Sounds Familiar

TOMORROW (May 21) there is a concert at All Saints Church, Porthcawl, by 'Sounds Familiar' a mixed voice choir beginning at 7pm.

All proceeds are to go to the Ty Hafan charity and tickets will be available at the door.

Sports day

MR Paul Booth, headteacher of Ogmore Vale primary school, is hoping that the nursery and reception class will be taking part in a sports day on Tuesday, May 25, from 1.30pm, weather permitting.

Annual concert

I HAD the pleasure of being at a stupendous concert by Maesteg Gleemen in Maesteg Town Hall last Saturday.

Members of the public unable to attend missed a memorable evening.

The male voice choir began with an international flavour by singing 'World in Union' by Holst/Starbeck, 'O Isis Und Osiris' by Mozart, finishing with 'Pan Fyddo'r Nos Yn Hir' by Welshman Ryan Davies.

Mal Pope, the compère, was outstanding with his constant jokes and tales of events that had befallen him as an entertainer. He started out in the entertainment industry when John Peel, the Radio One presenter, invited him to London in the early 1970s after he had heard a tape of Mal's songs.

From this he gained a contract with Elton John's recording company Rocket Records.

In 1982, he returned to Wales working for BBC Wales in Cardiff, and wrote songs for Cliff Richard, the Hollies, sang duets with Bonnie Tyler and Aled Jones, and also toured with Art Garfunkle and Belinda Carlisle.

His 2005 musical *Amazing Grace* had standing ovations when performed in the Millennium Centre in 2006, it being the first original Welsh musical to have been performed there.

However, the star of the evening was undoubtedly the soprano Gwawr Edwards, accompanied on the piano by her sister Menna Griffiths.

She has shared the stage with Rhydian Roberts and choir of the year Only Men Aloud.

She has been a winner in the Urdd, Welsh National and Llangollen International Eisteddfodau.

She began her first season at Glyndbourne this year, and will appear in the final night concert at the Welsh National Eisteddfod at Ebbw Vale in August.

Her renditions of 'La Vergine Degli Angeli' and 'You'll Never Walk Alone' with the Gleemen, brought a lump to one's throat. She had a standing ovation when she sang 'I Believe'.

Also at the concert were the two outstanding winners of their sections in the Bridgend CBC young singers of the year competition. Megan Eleri Griffiths, a pupil at Ysgol Gyfun Llanhari, sang 'Ave Maria' by Bach/Gounod and 'Yr Ehedydd' by WS Gwynne Williams.

Megan is a keen musician who plays the harp, and loves performing in dance and song routines.

Charlotte Skidmore, a pupil at St Clare's school, sang 'And this is my beloved' from *Kismet* and 'De Vieni Non Tardar' from the *Marriage of Figaro*.

At present studying A levels in music, history and English literature, she has been offered a place in the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London, where she will study as a classical soprano next September.

The accompanist for the choir and both these young ladies was the accomplished Suzanne Hodges, and the musical director, Alun Hodges, ensured that everyone gave a polished performance.

Plant sale

THE enterprising members of St Bride's Church, Llansantffraid will be holding a garden bedding plant sale on Saturday, May 22, at 11am.

CROWDS ARE OUT IN FORCE (ONCE AGAIN) AT PORTHCAWL LIONS' FAYRE

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ONCE AGAIN, the May Bank Holiday Fayre at the Rest Home, organised by the Porthcawl Lions Club, attracted large crowds to the event – a regular must on the Porthcawl calendar.

Keith E Morgan reports: **Members of the Porthcawl Lions, helped by students of Porthcawl Comprehensive School, and members of the Air and Sea Cadets, started putting up tents and stands at 8am on Saturday, May 1.**

It took five hours of hard work, making sure that things would be ready for the Monday bank holiday event.

The effort and enthusiasm put in by the Lions to make the May Day Fayre a success, should not be underestimated.

They have to lay the tents out on the ground like some giant meccano set and bolt it altogether, but it was well worth the effort – although it took another five hours on the Tuesday to dismantle the 'village'.

A Lions spokesman said; "Thanks go to S + A Car and Van Hire for the free use of a van, and to the Grand Pavilion for the many tables used in the various stands."

The Fayre was opened by Coun. Rosemary Deere, the Mayor of Porthcawl, who also judged the PAWS Dog Show.

(*More pictures on facing page*)

PAWS for thought as man's best friend takes a starring role in Lions' May fair

PHOTOGRAPHS by KEITH E MORGAN

HISTORIC PILGRIMAGE TREK WILL RAISE FUNDS FOR THE SANDVILLE

ABOVE:
Simon Münger and Monica Wilkinson with Sister Gwyneth Poacher before they left Sandville and departed for France.

ABOVE:
The Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela.

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TWO VOLUNTEERS who have been living and working at a local self-help centre, are saying 'thank you' by walking more than 800 miles to help it raise funds.

Simon Münger and Monica Wilkinson have been working as volunteers at Sandville for the last four months.

This is what they had to say when they left.

"We are both very grateful to Sandville for housing and looking after us for the past four months. It really is an amazing place and so many people benefit from it.

"Sandville relies on donations and as we were planning to do a 830-mile pilgrimage walk from Le Puy en Velay in France to Santiago de Compostela in Spain, we decided to raise money for Sandville.

"Please support us and try and get friends and relatives to sponsor us either on line at http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/MonikaandSimon or by sending a cheque to Sandville Court, Ton Kenfig, Bridgend county borough, CF33 4PU.

The two pilgrims are planning to write a blog as they walk the 830 miles, and this will be on http://monikaandsimon.blogspot.com/

"If you are a UK tax payer, please don't forget to Gift Aid your donation – this effectively increases the value of your donation by 28 per cent at no additional cost to you."

For more information, go to: http://www.sandville.org/gift-aid

Wildmill residents get artistic

ABOVE: Painting murals in the subways of Wildmill

THROUGHOUT April, residents of Wildmill became involved in two creative projects.

Last October, residents painted murals on two out of the three subways in Wildmill; and this April they returned with BTCV and Communities First. to complete the last mural on the subway from Maes y Felin to Tremgarth.

Parents Stephanie Thomas and Anita Langdon commented: "There are a lot of artistic children in the area that took part in creating and painting their own designs, and these murals really brighten up Wildmill and shows true community spirit."

Wildmill Communities First also funded a series of workshops with The Mobile Arts Project where the community were invited to draft designs for a mosaic to be created for the front of the Community Hub in The Precinct. After consultation with residents, a final design was chosen. Six intergenerational workshops were held to give community members the chance to take part in making the mosaic.

The mosaic has now been placed on the front wall of the Community Hub, brightening up the area's shopping precinct.

Chair of Wildmill Communities First Partnership, Roger Marsh, commented:

"It just shows what young people and the older generation can achieve when they work together on a project, such as this mosaic, especially when you see the amount of effort that went into the design and instatement of it."

The residents finished the project well within the time set and so had the chance to make a 'Welcome/Croeso' sign which will now be given to Wildmill Youth Club to put up on their building.

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MAESTEG COUNCIL/NEWS IN BRIEF

Hanging baskets, summer playschemes and more

THE new hanging baskets to be placed in Maesteg town centre this summer will cost £2,254 for 90 baskets.

The council has agreed to keep the same contractor, as the baskets were of a high standard last summer, and they are currently being planted up.

But the council is seeking cheaper quotes for the installation and on-going watering of the baskets.

The price quoted so far is £1,450 to install and £120 per visit for watering and feeding.

MAESTEG Town Council has agreed to provide £2500 towards the funding of a summer holiday playscheme to be held at Maesteg Welfare Park sports centre. BCBC has revamped its project with new activities on offer to promote healthy living.

The town council has also offered to part fund another one in Caerau if a suitable venue can be found.

THE shelter at the skatepark in Maesteg Park has been demolished because it was a magnet for trouble makers.

The town council is now seeking a site meeting with officers from BCBC to see how the facilities in the welfare park can be improved.

West Ward members have decided to allocate some of their funding to this work.

THREE rustic benches are to be placed along the riverside walkway in Garth Park, at the request of Coun Keith Edwards. BCBC is being asked for permission.

THE flower bed and open land at the bottom of Garn Road is to be improved and upgraded by Maesteg Town Council.

West Ward members have agreed to spend £8,000 on having the flower bed replanted.

Some of the area will be re-paved and some new planters added.

The work is being carried out by the probation service, who provide the labour with the council paying for materials.

THE grass verge along one side of Grove Street in Nantyffyllon is to be replaced with a parking bay for residents.

But grass grid blocks will be used which will go over the grass enabling water to drain away naturally into the soil.

The lay-by will stretch for the whole length of the street and will cost £29,000.

There have been complaints that vehicles cannot get through the street because of parking on both sides. There are also issues about access for emergency vehicles.

A NEW bus shelter is being placed at the entrance to the access road leading to Maesteg cemetery.

It will complement work already done to install a new pavement from the top end of Cemetery Road leading towards the Cemetery and over to Crown Road.

MAESTEG Town Council has requested that BCBC and police now consider turning Maesteg town centre into an alcohol-free zone which gives police powers to stop people drinking on the streets.

This has already been done in Bridgend and Pencoed.

The council would also like similar orders made for Maesteg Park and Garth Park, where there are also problems with people using them for drinking at night.

MAESTEG RFC's success in the Swalec Plate Cup final against Kenfig Hill is to be marked by special commemorative kit being given to the squad.

Maesteg Town Council is to pay for the T-shirts at a cost of £347 plus VAT.

MAESTEG Comprehensive School has received £200 from the town council towards the cost of organising two presentation evenings to mark the success of pupils in both academic and sporting fields.

THE Maesteg hospital fete will take place at the cricket club on June 16, with a concert the night before in the marquee at the field.

The Maesteg Hospital League of Friends hopes to raise £6,000 for a sensory garden for patients at the hospital. Maesteg Town Council has donated £250 towards this appeal.

MAESTEG Arts Society has been given £100 towards the cost of staging its summer exhibition at Maesteg Town Hall this week.

PLANS to build two four-bedroomed houses on land between Crown Road and Crown Rise are being opposed by Maesteg Tonw Council on the grounds that the area of land involved is a designated public open space.

PLANS to turn a shop at Caerau Road into a take-away have been rejected by BCBC planners – because of problems with parking, noise and disturbance to neighbours.

NOTTAGE WI NEWS

Impressions of a popular entertainer

AT the May meeting of Nottage WI in the Unitarian Church Hall, the president welcomed the members and the minutes of the last meeting were read and agreed.

The resolution was then discussed, which urged the Government to introduce clearer labelling of the country of origin on all meat, poultry and fish products sold in this country.

There followed coffee evening which included a stall and a lucky dip. The raffle was won by Mrs Lesley Davies.

At the link meeting held in Awel-y-Mor in April, the Coytrahen male voice choir provided the entertainment and the singing was enjoyed by all.

The speaker was Miss Jennifer Pitts, who gave her impression of Joyce Genfell, a regular to television, radio and stage, and entertained troops during the war with her usual wit, charm and humour. She recited a few monologues which were very humorous.

Nine members went to the spring council meeting at St David's Hall in Cardiff, which was attended by 767 WI members in total.

Mr Peter Bowen Simpkins, a consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist, gave a very informative and light - hearted talk on the type of work he does.

The main speaker was Ruth Jones, who told us how her career started in show business and how she got involved with writing Gavin and Stacey.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday June 3, when the speaker will be Steven Jarvis. Anyone wising to join us will be made very welcome.

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Art society exhibition benefits mayor's charity

ABOVE: Coun Rosemary Deere formally opening the Silures Art Gallery Civic Gallery following an introduction by Martin Kaye. (Photograph by Keith E Morgan.)

A PORTHCAWL art society is staging its latest exhibition to give the town mayor's civic charity fund an extra boost.

Martin Kaye of the Silures Art Gallery welcomed Coun Rosemary Deere, the Mayor of Porthcawl, when she formally opened the gallery's civic exhibition, which will run for the rest of May.

Proceeds from the exhibition will go to the mayor's civic fund, and Coun Deere said that this had recently hit the £7,000 mark.

She has nominated a number of Porthcawl charities to benefit from the fund including the RNLI, Coastguard, Cancer Research, Porthcawl Counselling Service and youth organisations.

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Kirsty's letter to Princess Di wins a national prize

A PUPIL at St David's C/W Primary School, Colwinston, is celebrating after being the runner-up in the annual, nationally-organised Royal Mail 'Young Persons Letter Writing Competition'.

Kirsty Hamilton entered the competition, where children were asked to write a letter to a personal 'hero'.

Kirsty chose to write to Princess Diana, having learned about her life and, most notably, her charity work from her mum.

Kirsty, who is 11 years old, was judged the best out of 1,500 young hopefuls around Wales, with a letter which not only showed great admiration for the princess but "excellent clarity and structure in style".

As well as receiving a framed certificate, she won book vouchers and a stationery set.

A Colwinston school spokeswoman said: "Our congratulations go to Kirsty, and mention must also be made of the other two year-6 pupils who were selected to be put through to the competition.

"Hannah Goodland wrote to Anne Frank, and William Durrant sent his letter to Stephen Fry.

"Well done to all three pupils!"

Kirsty Hamilton's letter to Princess Diana impressed the judges in a national competition.

Call to donors

THE Welsh Blood Service is holding donor sessions in the area next month.

June 1, Mobile Donation Clinic, Sainsbury Store, Y Dderwen, Sarn, Bridgend, 11.15am-2pm and 3.30pm-7pm. (*To attend this session, it is advisable to make an appointment, as these donors will take priority.*

Please call 01443 622193 or e-mail donor.appointments@wales.nhs.uk to make one).

June 14, 15, 16, 17, Bridgend Recreation Centre, Angel Street, Bridgend, 10am-6pm. (*To attend this session it is advisable to make an appointment. Call 01443 622193 or e-mail donor.appointments@wales.nhs.uk*).

June 24, Williams Memorial Hall, Coychurch, Bridgend, 10am-12.30pm and 2pm-4.30pm.

Contact 0800 252266 or visit www.welsh-blood.org.uk for further details.

Project fund will spread its wings

BRIDGEND Town Council is to support moves to assist the smaller community councils in the borough.

Coun David Unwin, council leader, said that the Community Fund, which was used by the borough council to help fund projects, had a minimum project value of £5,000.

But this sum was too much for the smaller councils and he proposed setting up a new framework to enable councils to apply for smaller sums.

It was agreed to look at this again in the future.

Importance of Fungi

LLANTWIT Major Horticultural Society meet on Wednesday, May 26 at 7.30pm in the Llantonian Hall, Llantwit Major.

Professor Lynne Boddy from the Cardiff School of Biosciences will talk on '*The importance of Fungi*'.

In 2009, Prof Boddy was part of a team from the British Mycological Society that won gold at the RHS Chelsea Show with their exhibit, 'Out of Sight Out of Mind', a message that fungi are crucial to the functioning of the terrestrial ecosystems of this planet.

Admission to the lecture and refreshments is free. Members and prospective members welcomed.

Bridgend Lions Festival of Races

Challenge your Dad to a race for Father's Day!

ABOVE: Bridgend Lions members Tony Rees (right) and David Jones (left) with athletes Rob Hunt, Mae Taylor, Rhys Roberts, Kate Roberts and Morgan Davies.

FATHER'S DAY this year is Sunday, June 20, and what better way to get your dad fit and to keep him in good shape than to challenge him to enter the five-kilometre run at Bridgend Lions Festival of Races.

It takes place in the town centre on Saturday, June 19, so switch off the TV, get him off the sofa, get mum involved too and make it a family day out!

There's still time to work out a training programme, there are lots of them on the web. Maybe you can treat Dad to a new pair of running shoes, then he really will earn himself a long lie-in on Sunday and he can, perhaps, relax with some more treats. He deserves it, doesn't he?

The Festival of Races is Bridgend's first ever day of road races. The town centre is going to be transformed into a running track for the day, with events for all ages, including sprints taking place in Adare Street.

The longer races will do a circuit around Caroline Street, Wyndham Street, Derwen Road and Nolton Street.

The races, which are open to all, are already attracting a lot of excitement and the interest of many elite runners. A high attendance is expected and lots of amateur runners will be taking part.

Some of the serious local athletes taking part, all members of Bridgend Athletic Club, are:

RHYS ROBERTS

Rhys has had a great winter, winning the under-13 boys indoor combined event championships, as well as taking gold in the hurdles and long jump.

A good all-rounder who will develop as he moves through the sport, he is encouraged and supported by his parents Jeff and Leslie, who are part of the lifeblood of Bridgend Athletic Club as coach, officials and volunteers,

MAE TAYLOR

A relative newcomer to the sport but has shown great potential and enthusiasm for sprinting. The Oldcastle Primary pupil is looking forward to the start of the track and field season, along with her mother Liz, who has recently taken a coaching award and is embarking on her career as coach and volunteer at the club

KATE ROBERTS (senior lady)

Kate has been running seriously for just over a year and gained Welsh vests both at 10km on the road and at cross country. She won the senior ladies Gwent cross country league title.

If the 21-year-old former footballer from Bettws continues her progress, she will have a great future in the sport.

MORGAN DAVIES

In the last 15 months the 15-year-old Porthcawl athlete has demonstrated he has the credentials to go to the top of the sport.

Already crowned both Welsh Schools and Welsh Athletics Cross Country Champion, this weekend he will be representing the Principality at the London Mini Marathon. His swimming background and newly learnt cycling skills have pushed him to the fore in triathlon and he is a name to look out for.

ROB HUNT

A stalwart of Bridgend AC for many years both on and off the track, Rob built the clubhouse on Newbridge Fields in the mid-1990s.

He is a regular on the cross country scene, the surface where he is strongest. He is now in a supporting role as he brings the next generation, his son James, into the sport and the Bridgend club

The event is a joint venture between Bridgend Athletics, Bridgend Festivals and the Bridgend Lions Club.

It is designed to bring an exciting new sports event into the town centre, to promote health and wellbeing in the borough and is supported by Bridgend County Borough Council.

Full details of the races, times and other information, including advice on how to register in advance, are on the event's dedicated web site www.blfor.co.uk.

Entry forms can be downloaded, collected from Nathaniel Car Sales, the festival offices in Wyndham Street or from most leisure centres in the borough.

DAVID JONES

Student's new career with a Bridgend firm

A VENEZUALAN student has been set on a career in engineering with a Bridgend company, after completing a computer-aided design course at Barry College.

Christina Moreau.

Cristina Moreau came to the UK to study English after gaining a degree in engineering, contacted Barry College and enrolled on the computer aided design (CAD) course.

"I've really enjoyed the course," said Cristina (26) who now lives in Penarth.

After the course, Cristina found work at Bridgend-based TB Davies through Barry College, via the Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) scheme.

Bridgend-based TB Davies started off as a small engineering firm six years ago that now employs 75 people and regularly features in the Fast Growth 50, a barometer of entrepreneurship in Wales.

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'A proud and emotional day'

LOCAL POLICE CHIEF'S AWARD FROM QUEEN

by TIM CHAPMAN

ASSISTANT Chief Constable Bob Evans has received a major decoration from the Queen.

Mr Evans received his Queen's Police Medal in recognition of a distinguished policing career spanning 28 years.

He told The GEM: "The investiture took place at Windsor Castle. It was a proud and emotional day – I was able to take my wife, son and daughter who have been such a support throughout my career. Afterwards we had a convivial family gathering in London with my parents, aunts, uncles and cousins."

Mr Evans' roots are deep in the area. His father's family were from Llanharry, his mother's from Llysworney and he grew up in Gileston – his parents still live nearby – and he attended Llantwit Major Comprehensive School

Bob Evans on the big day with his wife Ceri, son Lloyd, and daughterLlinos-Wyn.

He joined the police force as a cadet at the age of 16 and in his late teenage years walked the beat in Barry, Barry Island and Llantwit Major.

Mr Evans served as a chief inspector in Neath, and later held two divisional commands, Swansea North and Cardiff.

His career has meant working throughout Wales and England, and from 2001- 2002, he inspected 21 police divisions in the space of 24 months!

After three years as the police commander of Cardiff, he left in 2007 and graduated from the UK Police Strategic Command Course.

He was seconded to the Home Office in 2008 as an assistant chief constable in the action programme tackling knife crime.

He is currently an Assistant Chief Constable, seconded to the Ministry of Justice, advising on policing matters and the relationship between the prison service and police service throughout Wales and England.

Despite working in London, Mr Evans' commitment to the area is as strong as ever – he serves as a governor at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg in Barry

He said: "I am immensely proud of my Vale and south Wales links and I always take a more than keen interest in what is happening there."

Sore joints follow dance delights!

THE May meeting of Mynydd Cynffig WI on Tuesday, May 11, at Pisgah Chapel vestry saw members being regaled by Margaret Richards about her weekend visit to the WI college at Denman, Oxfordshire.

She had attended a course called 'Dance Delights' and was one of 18 pupils, aged from 58 to 74.

The tutor gave them intensive lessons and dance routines to learn and all the ladies really enjoyed themselves.

They were able to entertain other students with their new skills on the final night, although most complained of stiff joints – because they had really thrown themselves into the spirit of the dance!

After the talk, members enjoyed an exhibition of paintings by the art group, who meet twice a month.

Three ladies, Maureen Crew, Eirwen DeVries and Marjorie Goode, took part in a guided walk around Cheltenham on April 28.

The event was arranged by Glamorgan Federation and was very well supported by members of other WIs from all over Glamorgan.

The next meeting will be held on June 8, when Mrs Norma Glass returns to speak further about Jewish customs.

All new members are welcome. Please contact Mrs Maureen Crew on 01656 749070.

MG

LATEST NEWS FROM THE BRIDGEND CHESS CLUB

Bridgend Time Lords take the league title in fine style

THE Time Lords turned back the clock to clinch the East Glamorgan Chess League Division One title, seeing off Cardiff Bishops 3.5-1.5.

The last time Bridgend tasted success in the top tier was in the 1991/92 season. Players have come and gone since, but this season saw the arrival of two IMs (International Masters) who simply swept everyone aside on the top boards.

Roland Berzinsh and Odion Aikhoje finished the season undefeated, a testimony to their playing strength, and having these two in the team allowed David Robinson, Femi Adebajo and Paul Tew to play in the mid to lower order.

It is a team game of course, and everyone played their part in a successful year.

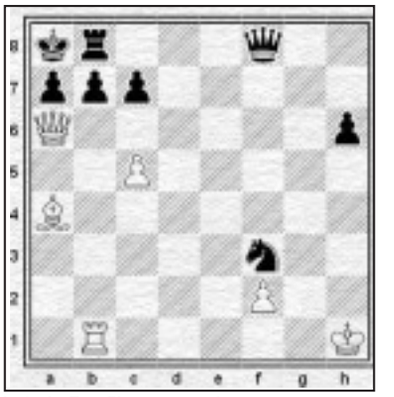
Needing just a half point to clinch the title, the Cardiff Bishops were the final opponents for the Time Lords. The only casualty in the match was David Robinson, who fell to Joe Fathallah. The remaining matches went with the form side.

Odion Aikhoje beat Nick van Noorden on the top board, Femi Adebajo and Mike Cram beat Peter Quinn and Alex Wills respectively, and lastly Paul Tew shared a draw with Chris Fox, Bridgend winning the encounter comfortably.

It's been a successful year, with Bridgend Jedi capturing the division three title and Bridgend Wraith sealing promotion from division four.

New members

As a club, our doors are always to new players of whatever ability. From complete beginner to seasoned International Master, there will be a welcoming place with the club. Bridgend Chess Club's next venture will be in the East Glamorgan Summer League, which runs from June to July.



We are also looking to add to our complement of teams vying for honours in the East Glamorgan Chess League proper. To be part of this exciting and always interesting social activity, come along to the Bridgend Tennis and Bowls club every Monday and Thursday from 7pm.

Junior rapidplay

The fourth Bridgend junior rapidplay returns to town on Saturday, May 29, in the Evergreen Hall. If you like playing chess and are aged 16 and under then why not come along?

The popular tournament is sponsored by the Bridgend Lions, making it free to enter. This has proved a hit with players and parents every year.

An entry form can be downloaded from the Bridgend Chess Club website, www.bridgendchessclub.org.uk.

ANDREW TRICKEY

Chess puzzle

Solve the chess puzzle above and submit your entry to us.

Each week, there is a free month's membership to Bridgend Chess Club up for grabs. In addition, each entry is placed into our monthly prize draw.

White to play

Mate in 3 moves

Puzzle: BCC-022

Answer to Puzzle BCC-020: 1. Qg2+

If Qxg2 then Ne2++

If Rxg2 then Nh3++

There was no winner.

Entries to: the GEM, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge, CF71 7EL, or email entries to: andrew@bridgendchessclub.org.uk

April was very busy month

NEWS FROM SKER WI

MEMBERS of Sker WI met on May 13, at St David's Church Hall, Nottage, for the May meeting when president Nina Charlesworth welcomed 29 members.

April had been a busy month, with Sker WI participating in various events: Members enjoyed the link meeting in Awel-y-Mor, hosted by Nottage WI; they were entertained by Coytrahen Male Voice Choir, and the speaker was Mrs Jennifer Pitts, reminiscing on Joyce Grenfell.

Sker had two bowls teams playing in the Glamorgan Tournament at Sully – the A team came third in the event, but all players enjoyed a day of competition.

Sker's 44th birthday supper was celebrated at the Rest Hotel, Porthcawl, and the GFWI council meeting was held at St David's Hall, Cardiff.

Eleven members travelled by public transport, cutting down on their carbon footprints. A report of the meeting was given by the delegate to the meeting.

The president then led a discussion on this year's WI resolution on mandatory clear labelling of food with true country of origin.

Some interesting comments were made by members, voting that the resolution be accepted.

Members then enjoyed some social time with a quiz and games of Bingo.

The president then reminded members that Sker was manning a stall at St David's Church fete on Saturday, June 12, and items for the stall were needed.

The mystery summer outing is on Wednesday, June 30.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, June 10, at St David's Church Hall, Nottage. The speaker will be Mrs Ann Trimble, speaking on 'A Century of Girl Guiding'.

New members and visitors always welcome. Contact secretary Cynthia Sidey, on 01656 786218 for information.

BG

Porthcawl Townwomen's Guild news

ON Townswomen's Guild Day, Porthcawl members held a very successful coffee morning at Trinity Church, and hopefully some prospective new ladies wish to join our organisation.

The speaker for the monthly meeting on May 12 was Mrs Nina Charlesworth, who told us about her many travels – especially to China, Tibet, Nepal, Mongolia and India.

The talk was very interesting, because of the varied items from these countries which Mrs Charlesworth had brought with her. The members were allowed to try on the colourful and unusual hats, and this produced much laughter and fun.

The next meeting is on June 9, when Mr David Bray will talk about 'Knights of the black bags' – at All Saints Church Hall at 2pm.

SM

A fresh financial start after divorce – not as simple as you might think

Whilst getting a divorce ends the contract of marriage it does not sort out the financial aspects of your relationship. Agreeing a financial settlement is one step but unless you enter into a formal agreement (known as a Consent Order) and get a **Clean Break Order** your ex could make a claim for a share of your assets, property, income or pensions in the future.

Don't risk your lottery winnings or inheritance

Unfortunately, many people do not consider their situation to be complicated enough to warrant a Court Order so sort out matters informally between themselves. That's fine whilst you are still friendly, but you never know what might happen in the future and how you or they might feel for example when one of you enters into a new relationship, gets a big inheritance or wins the lottery! Even changes in house prices or the value of pensions and investments might change the way you or they feel about a previously agreed financial settlement.

All too often divorced individuals find themselves in the unwelcome position of having to deal with 'fresh' claims some time after separation. Even if these claims are ultimately unsuccessful, without a Clean Break Order in place, you will still have the cost and hassle of dealing with the application.

Agree yes, but get it in writing

The most constructive and cost effective way to reach any financial agreement with your ex is always to try to agree as much as possible between yourselves and family lawyers will certainly not discourage you from doing this. However it is imperative that, once you have reached an agreement with your ex, you take legal advice to ensure that agreement is turned into a Clean Break Order that binds both of you. In many situations, your lawyer may be able to do this work for you, at a fixed fee.

Without a formal written agreement your ex can make a claim at any time! Always ensure that there is a financial 'Clean Break' between you and your ex with a Clean Break Order.

To make matters even more complex there are circumstances where it may not be in your best interests to agree a clean break. Where children are involved for example or there's a large pension or investment due to mature. Sometimes in these circumstances a Deferred Clean Break Order can be used. As always it's best to take professional advice before making any decisions.

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Sleepwalking their way into supporting the Ty Hafan hospice

THE atmosphere really began to build in the Millennium Stadium, Cardiff, recently.

No it wasn't a late evening rugby international – but a gathering of 1,000 pyjama-clad females readying themselves to start the Ty Hafan Midnight Sleep Walk 2010.

The girls from Curves, who had around 35 members from around Bridgend and the Vale taking part, put all the walkers through their paces to warm up their muscles for the rigours ahead.

In the minutes leading up to midnight, the noise of 1,000 ladies rivalled that of the crowd cheering the Welsh team on to the pitch.

Leading the ladies, all in flashing bunny ears and carrying wands, was Ty Hafan's own director of care, Jayne Saunders, who had been in serious training for the event.

One participant was Hazel Strickland, whose grand-daughter Olivia has been going to Ty Hafan for several years.

Hazel wasn't able to actually walk the route, but instead was being pushed around by Olivia's mum Tessa, while grandad Gerry was outside the stadium, helping out as a volunteer marshal.

The walkers came from as far afield as Anglesey, Aberystwyth and Chepstow, as well as from over the border in England.

"On behalf of the life-limited children, young people and their families who depend on Ty Hafan for comfort, care and support, I would like to thank everyone who took part in the walk, as well as our sponsors and event volunteers" commended Owain Cassidy, of Ty Hafan.

The event was sponsored by Foresters and Welsh Women Walking, a like-minded group of business ladies who recently scaled Kilimanjaro to raise funds for the charity.

RIGHT: Hannah Wilcox, Leah Squibbs, Tricia East (from Curves Cowbridge and Bridgend).

Schools continue to pave their 'yellow brick road'

FOR many years, the Vale Council has promoted the national schools Yellow Pages recycling project, but earlier this year the national event was put on hold.

With the yellow phone books continuing to be delivered to the Vale, the council stepped in to make sure that the popular project still went ahead.

Coun Geoff Cox, the cabinet member for visible and building services, said: "Thirty five Vale schools joined the project, in which pupils brought old Yellow Pages into school and the council collected them for recycling.

"This popular scheme helps us promote the recycling message in our 'What's in your bin?' campaign, and on behalf of all the schools involved, I'd like to thank you for your support."

St Helen's Roman Catholic Junior School in Barry again won top honours in the scheme, with a total of 843 directories collected – with each pupil bringing in just under five books!

Llancarfan Primary School was delighted to take second place with three directories collected per pupil, while Wick and Marcross Church in Wales Primary School scooped the bronze position.

News of the schools' recycling success reached the Vale Mayor, Coun Emlyn Williams, who was keen to meet the young recycling stars.

He said: "I was delighted to host a celebration event to recognise and thank the schools for their hard work. It was a pleasure to meet Vale youngsters so keen on recycling. Well done and thank you to all involved in the project."

For more information on recycling, visit the Council's website at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/recycle; email visible@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk or telephone 01446 700111.

LEFT: Llancarfan Primary School pupils, who scooped the second prize

ABOVE: Pupils from St Helen's Roman Catholic Junior School, who took first prize, with the Vale Mayor, Coun Emlyn Williams

Wick and Marcross Church in Wales Primary School pupils receive their certificate for third place from Mayor Coun Emlyn Williams

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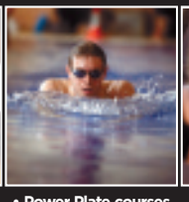

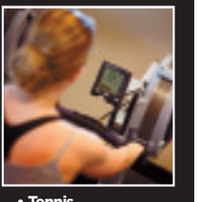

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The Holy Cross church promises 'special time'

ON Sunday, May 23 ,at 10.45am in Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge, families are being invited to a "special time of fun and worship."

Canon Derek Belcher, Rector of Cowbridge, explained that it was very much a community event: "The church is a place where anyone can drop in and be accepted. Everyone is welcome to attend."

"At the end of the service, balloons will be let off to celebrate our personal joy on this occasion, and we will be sharing a Family Birthday cake."

Ernest and Hazel Coates are organising the event, with Canon Belcher and parish warden Pamela Roberts.

Hazel Coates said: "We really want to be available and support to families and individuals in our community."

Ernest has written a song for the worship sung to '*Frere Jacques*'. "I found it quite challenging, but enjoyable to recall the experience of that first Pentecost in suitable words that could be sung by everyone.

"The musicians are looking forward to playing for this event," he added.

The family service will become a regular event at the church. Pamela Roberts said, "This is part of our working with and for the community of Cowbridge. We already have facilities for young children during the week and our Sunday club.

"Our Sunday evenings also feature an active youth club. You may have already heard about this, with young people being involved in doing community work in Cowbridge and Cardiff through Ignite Hope."

Island PACT call

PLAID Cymru's Dr Ian Johnson, is asking South Wales Police and the Vale Council to consider a separate PACT (Partnerships and Communities Together) for Barry Island.

He pointed out, "At present, the Island is part of the Baruc ward PACT, which includes other areas of the town's West End, including the Garden Suburb, Romilly Park, Knap and Harbour Road areas.

"The needs and concerns of residents of Barry Island are very different to other parts of Barry, so it is right that they have a forum which is more immediately responsive to those needs," he insisted.

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William just needs a patient owner...

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"Sadly, he has been returned to us twice, due to his lack of social skills around other dogs. He has been undergoing training and is improving, but his new owners will need to be prepared to continue his training.

"He loves mixing with other dogs and will need further socialising with them on a regular basis; he just needs careful introductions."

Type of home needed: "He needs an experienced owner willing to continue his training and socialising. He can live with older children (14 years and over).

"He isn't suitable with cats or small furries. His new owner will need to visit him a few times at the centre and be prepared to undertake a few training sessions with him and the training and behaviour advisor".

WILLIAM.

Dog show

THE Dogs Trust annual summer fete and fun dog show is taking place on Sunday, July 4, at Margam Country Park (Twyn yr Hydd House entrance); 11am-4pm. Fun day out for all the family. Telephone 01656 724598.

Bridgend Food Festival will raise town's profile

A NEW food festival is being organised in Bridgend this autumn by the Bridgend Festivals Committee and Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC), and will be held in the town centre on October 1 and 2.

Bridgend Town Council heard that delivering a high quality events programme was a strategic priority for BCBC and the festivals committee, and the events programme has been reviewed to develop new working arrangements to organise such events.

The Bridgend Food Festival will be piloted as part of the new approach.

The report stated that the events programme should raise the profile of Bridgend and contribute to "positive image building" by staging high quality, entertaining events which were a bit different from the norm.

The new food festival will appeal to the mass market rather than purists and there will be a heavy emphasis on fun.

Council leader David Unwin said that BCBC was now looking for quality rather than quantity in festivals in the town. Only two events are taking place this year – the food festival in October and the usual Christmas market in December.

He said that the food festival will also include a musical element with busking in the town.

One of the sites chosen for musical events was the area by the war memorial in Dunraven Place.

He went on: "This is also right by the front door of the post office. There have been problems before with this.

"It could get to be grating for the staff if the music goes on all day."

Coun Unwin said that the town council should suggest that the war memorial be deleted as a suitable site for busking, because it should be treated with respect and would also assist staff in the post office.

This was agreed.

Playscheme

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Coun Foley reported that he had spoken to the Communities First team in Wildmill and they were looking towards the possibility of bussing children from Wildmill to the recreation centre, but a schedule of activities is needed before any arrangements can be made.

He asked the town council to request a list of proposed activities and events, including trips that the new playscheme would be running, so that the public can be alerted as to what was on offer.

Coun David Unwin pointed out that the council's plans to provide a skateboard park in Bridgend were 12 weeks behind schedule because of problems with an obsolete sewer underneath the site, and he hoped that the usual skateboarding activities would be run at the recreation centre once again as in previous summers.

Coun Roger Marsh, who is involved with Wildmill Communities First, observed that the playschemes have been run there for the past five years and have been very successful.

"To say that the children were disappointed at the news would be an understatement.

"It will be greatly missed during this summer holiday."

The council has agreed to contribute £2,500 towards the scheme at Bridgend Recreation Centre

Porthcawl man's flood training aids in dramatic arrest

WHILE on duty on May 6, little did police community support officer Christopher Missen know that swift-water rescue training as a volunteer member of the RNLI's national Flood Rescue Team, would help him make a dramatic arrest

Christopher, a volunteer crew member at Porthcawl RNLI Lifeboat Station, was on duty in the Ely area of Cardiff, when he spotted a local man wanted for questioning by South Wales Police.

A short chase led the men to the River Ely, where the PCSO ended in the river. Luckily, Christopher was already familiar with the fast-flowing water of the Ely due to RNLI swift water rescue technician training there the previous month.

He quickly remembered his training and got himself to safety.

The man then lost his footing and also found himself in the water. Christopher heard his cries for help and realised that the man could not swim.

The RNLI volunteer quickly dived into the river and by using specialist swift-water rescue techniques, brought him safely to land. The man was later arrested for questioning.

Matt Croft, RNLI Deputy Division Inspector for Wales, said: "We are very proud of Christopher for reacting so quickly to the situation, and that he used his specialist flood rescue skills to ensure a safe outcome."

Christopher said: "RNLI volunteers are provided with first-class training to help them save lives, both at sea and in the case of the Flood Rescue Team, inland during flood disasters, like Cockermouth last year.

"The training helps to ensure that we can respond to the specific conditions faced during flooding, allowing us to save lives in fast-flowing water, while ensuring our own safety."

Spotted in Bridgend – a traffic warden!

A BRIDGEND town councillor has spoken of a rare sighting in Bridgend – not a lesser-spotted warbler, but a less spotted warden!

Coun Haydn Morgan said he was shocked to see a traffic warden walking the streets booking illegally parked cars.

"I thought that they were extinct. A traffic warden doing his job is a very rare sight these days," he commented.

"He was booking cars in Morfa Street. I asked him to look at the bend leading around from High View to Waunscil Avenue which is chock full of cars and he promised to check.

"In my view, this is dangerous parking because traffic has to go out into the middle of the road to get past."

But Coun Morgan said that although the warden walked up Minerva Street and booked cars there, he did not go up the hill towards the bend.

"It would appear to be a no-go zone for traffic wardens and police. I am banging my head against a brick wall. Something needs to be done because buses use this route. There could be a major accident there."

Coun David Unwin stated that while it may be a dangerous bend, it was not clear if the parked cars were causing an obstruction and there were no double yellow lines there.

"If the highway department felt that double yellows were needed, they would have been put there years ago.

"We could ask them to look at it but don't hold your breath. At the moment, wardens cannot book anyone unless they create an obstruction," he added.

Coun Diane Burns asked Coun Morgan if there had been any accidents there during the past six years when he has been complaining of this problem.

However, Coun Morgan asked if the council needed to wait for an accident before seeking action.

Coun Burns felt that the problem cannot be as bad as was claimed, if nothing had happened in all those years.

Caerau Post Office to re-open – in the shop

POST OFFICE Ltd has announced that it has appointed a new agent to run the post office in the village, after the previous post office closed suddenly at Christmas.

The location of the new post office is just 60 yards away from the old branch in Caerau Road.

There had been fears among traders in the village that the post office would be moved away to a different part of Caerau, which would have had a devastating knock-on effect on other businesses.

Among alternative venues being offered was Blaenllynfi School, which is being taken over by the Caerau Development Trust, but this school is located away from other shops and was also off the bus route.

Villagers have six weeks to give their views on this proposal, and also their opinions on how the service can be improved, with reference to things such as opening hours and facilities at the new location.

Residents have until June 25 to respond and correspondence should be sent to Kathryn Alexander, Field Change Advisor, Post Office Ltd, c/o National Consultation Team, PO Box 2060, Watford, WD18 8Z, or e-mail her at consultation@postoffice.co.uk, specifying Caerau in the heading.

A final decision will be made after the consultation period ends and if a decision is taken to proceed, the new post office should be up and running during July or August.

MP says 'don't scare people'...as AM warns Wales might be about to face budget cuts

by TIM CHAPMAN

THE newly-elected Vale MP Alun Cairns has accused an Assembly Member of being 'alarmist' in claiming the new coalition government might cut hundreds of millions from the Welsh budget.

Last week, Plaid AM Chris Franks warned that the Conservatives and Liberal Democrats in Westminster might make cuts of £220 million this year in the Welsh budget.

During budget questions in the Senedd, Mr Franks commented: "I am calling for a meeting with Conservative and Lib Dem Ministers regarding the impact of the UK Government's spending cuts on the Welsh budget. I hope that there will be movement on the recommendations of the Holtham commission and reform of the outdated funding formula for Wales.

"It is generally acknowledged that we are being short-changed to the tune of £300 million a year for our public services. I regret that the last UK Government failed to resolve this vital issue, which could substantially protect our health service, schools and police forces."

The Budget and Business Minister in the Assembly, Jane Hutt, confirmed that she had written to the Chief Secretary to the Treasury in the Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition, David Laws, to ask for an early meeting with him.

Mr Franks added: "I am worried that the budget in July could risk the recovery. The Liberal Democrats, after warning of a budget full of cuts, will do a u-turn and vote for a slash and burn budget this financial year.

"This will cause problems for local councils, health and education bodies, given the National Assembly has already agreed the 2010-11 budget. There will be a lot of belt tightening to get the deficit down, rather than taxing very high earners."

Alun Cairns argued that money should be saved by cutting waste, leaving front line services untouched.

He said: "There is no rationale behind the statement. Alarming and frightening people doesn't serve anyone. We obviously need to live within our means but we have said that if we cut waste, front line services can be protected.

"Unless debt is cut, unemployment will rise and our economy will go into another recession. I would hope that in this era of new politics, Plaid Cymru would recognise the challenges, rather than seeking to scare people and making cheap political points."

On Monday, David Cameron, the new Prime Minister, met Wales' First Minister Carwyn Jones at Cardiff Bay, and said that if the Assembly wanted a senior Treasury Minister to answer questions following the Budget, then that would happen.

He also offered to answer questions once a year in the Assembly, but added that he was in favour of Assembly ministers making the return trip to answer questions in Westminster.

March of the gum busters!

THE gum busters are coming to a street near you!

That was the message from Bridgend Town Council after members voted to pay for extra cleaning in the town centre, which will include getting rid of chewing gum and removing staining from pavements.

The council has seen a demonstration of the machinery available put on by BCBC and has been told that stain removal and gum busting can be carried out at a cost of £20 per hour.

A review of the town centre found that the worst streets for staining were Market Street, Quarella Road, York Place, Wyndham Street, lower Nolton Street and part of Brackla Street.

The busting needs to be concentrated on Quarella Road, Market Street and Derwen Road – outside the night clubs.

Other areas of the town centre have moderate problems, including Dunraven Place, Queen Street, Adare Street and Station Hill.

Coun leader David Unwin said that for many years, the town council had paid towards the normal street cleaning of the town centre.

This had been discontinued, but the council was now more concerned with removing gum and staining from the paving stones in the town centre.

He suggested that the town council commission an extra 200 hours of stain removal between June and October at a cost of £4,000 and a further 40 hours of gum removal in June at a cost of £800.

"We will then need to inspect these areas again to see how effective the cleaning has been and also see what else needs to be done," he said.

Things like street furniture have to be cleaned and painted regularly, so that the visual aspect of the town was improved.

This was agreed.

Railway access

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Coun Marsh said: "They are aware that a disabled person will be using that particular train and she has not had a problem in 18 months. But I can see that if we were strangers, there could be problems with the system."

Coun Bob Burns said that it was obvious that the system was not working 100 per cent and it was in the best interests of the rail companies themselves to make sure that there were suitable signs at the station informing visitors of the procedure, including the correct telephone number to ring.

The council has agreed to contact the rail companies which operate the station.

News in brief

MEMBERS of Bridgend Town Council have sent congratulations to deputy clerk Hannah Lewis, who has given birth to a baby daughter called Maisie Elizabeth.

THE chairman of the town twinning committee at Villenave d'Ornan, which is twinned with Bridgend, has written to the town council to thank everyone for all the activities they laid on for the party of students from the town who recently visited Bridgend.

Mon Joel Reynaud said that the young people were full of wonderful impressions from their week in Wales. He invited the town to send a delegation to France in September.

BRIDGEND Town Council has been successful in its application to obtain a grant towards the cost of creating a new picnic bench area, wayside seats and bins at Newbridge Fields, Bridgend.

The council applied for £6,750 from the Town and Community Council fund run by BCBC, and has been told its application was accepted. It has to provide the other half of the estimated cost itself.

Coun David Unwin noted the response "with pleasure".

BRIDGEND Town Council has handed over £11,750 to BCBC as its share of the cost of running the Shopmobility project in the town.

'Save the bees'!

BEE KEEPING may soon be added to the curriculum of schools in Bridgend – if the town council has its way.

Members have been concerned about the decline of the honey bee and the potential disastrous consequences for mankind if there are no bees to pollinate food crops.

Billions of bees have been killed by a mystery condition which has spread to Europe from America

Coun David Unwin, who has been a staunch advocate of action to save the bee, reported that throughout the country record numbers of young people have been taking up bee-keeping in an attempt to save the species.

Some clubs have seen a 50 per cent rise in membership and it is reported that the makers of beehives are struggling to keep up with demand.

"It is very pleasing to see that the British Bee Keepers Association has attracted 5,000 new members last year," he said.

"Bees have been given a much higher priority across the country. As this town council has joined the association itself, we should contact BCBC to see if local young people are interested in taking up bee keeping.

"We should ask the director of education if this is a suitable project for our schools. It is the future of these young people that this is all about. Unless something is done, we will be in serious trouble."

The town council will contact BCBC on this issue.

Roadside car sales prompt a borough -wide clampdown

SAFER Bridgend is set to clamp down on illegal car sales across the county, following concerns by police and Bridgend trading standards service at the increasing number of cars being offered for sale on the side of the road.

"Over recent years, more second hand cars are being sold from the roadside by traders posing as private sellers. Trading standards has received an increase in the number of complaints about the practice," a police spokesman explained.

"Officers from Safer Bridgend will be making these traders aware of their legal responsibilities and making clear to consumers their rights when they purchase a car in this way."

CAR SALES

Sellers are being encouraged to contact trading standards to improve their business knowledge of car sales, while consumers should contact their local trading standards department to help them consider the implications of their purchase before committing to buying the car."

Detective Chief Inspector Marc Lamerton, who has responsibility for Central Division's Communities and Partnerships, added: "We find on occasions that some traders are masquerading as private sellers in order to avoid their liability and to reduce the buyer's legal rights.

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"We hope this activity will support the genuine motor trader and isolate those people who are taking advantage and selling cars illegitimately.

"I am also reminding motor salvage operators that they must register their business with Bridgend County Borough Council.

"Consumers should always make sure they know whether they are buying privately or from a trader.

"There is a growing problem with businesses posing as private sellers and using roadside sites to offload unsafe cars to consumers.

"Many of these cars are un-roadworthy and have been repaired using stolen parts.

COMPLAINTS

"Vehicles sold in this manner generate complaints from local residents and legitimate motor traders, who see this as unfair competition, as the sellers do not have an established place of business and often try to disguise themselves as private sellers.

"This makes it more difficult to enforce your rights as a consumer.

"More importantly, people who purchase these vehicles could be putting their lives at risk. We are not so concerned about private individuals selling their own car, but are trying to identify car traders who may not be known to us so we can give them helpful advice."

Talented acting brothers to star in 'My Fair Lady'

ABOVE: Matthew Bartlett (left) with his younger brother Oliver.

by TIM CHAPMAN

TWO young actors who go to a Bridgend stage school, have been selected from hundreds of auditionees to appear in a production of *My Fair Lady* in Surrey – and they happen to be brothers.

Matthew Bartlett (14) and his younger brother Oliver (10) were selected to be part of a 75-strong company after more than 700 youngsters auditioned at a number of venues across the country.

Helene Reynolds, the Stagecoach principal in Bridgend where the boys have been honing their acting and dancing skills, said: "We are delighted that two of our students beat off the competition to land places in this year's Easy Stages production of My Fair Lady.

"It is remarkable that two brothers should both make it through the audition process."

In July, Matthew, who attends Barry Comprehensive School, and Oliver, an All Saints' pupil, will join other members of the cast in London to rehearse for two weeks with a professional crew before putting on a performance in a Surrey theatre in the third week.

Once the performers arrive in London, they will find out what their role in the production will be.

The Bartlett family are full of performers. Matthew and Oliver are following in the footsteps of eldest brother Christopher (22) who is pursuing a professional career and has already been in a touring production of *Godspell*.

Matthew and Oliver's mother Judi said: "We're very proud of them and they can't wait to join up with the cast. Matthew is going to have a really busy summer.

He's off to Italy with Cardiff Youth Orchestra, and will have 24 hours at home before setting off to join the *My Fair Lady* cast."

Wales scrum-half says 'well done' to Athletic under-13s

BRIDGEND Athletic RFC under-13s held their annual presentation awards recently and celebrated what has been another extremely successful, hard fought and enjoyable season for the squad.

ABOVE: Craig Lewis and Reuben Tooze received their trophies from Gareth Cooper.

The team played 29 fixtures during the season, won 21, lost 7 and drew one. Points for 830 and points against 279.

Once again, the boys enjoyed a fantastic end-of-season five-day rugby tour to Ireland where they enjoyed the 'craic', watched the Ospreys v Leinster game in Dublin and playing two fixtures at Waterpark and Wexford, winning both games.

In the absence of an Ospreys Cup competition this year, the squad entered only the Bridgend Athletic tournament which was a hard-fought affair against quality sides, the boys finishing runners-up by just one try to a strong Cowbridge side.

Players were congratulated on their achievements and presented with trophies by Wales and Cardiff Blues scrum-half and local legend, Gareth Cooper.

As well as each player receiving a trophy, four individual awards were handed out.

The Daryl Dyke 'Spirit of Rugby' Clubman award went to Shane Howells; Most Improved Player – Craig Lewis; Most Promising Player – Lewys Smith.

The Player of the Year award was shared by the Ath's two stand out players in the team this season, Reuben Tooze and Craig Lewis.

Team captain Tom Pritchard was also named as the under-14s captain for next season. He praised the boys for their hard work, as well as thanking the coaching and management team.

There were many to thank this year, starting with the coaching and match day staff of Tony Bennett, Phil McArdle, Ian Lewis, Paul Davies and first aider Mark Fearn. A massive 'thank you' went to team manager Angela Bennett for her hard work throughout the year, and for arranging another fantastic tour for the boys.

She in turn congratulated the boys and their families for the way they represented the club throughout the season, and out in Ireland in April, playing two games and making many new friends.

Coaches and players deserve a break, albeit a short one before they start to get ready for what is sure to be a tough under-14 season.

Anyone 14 years old on or after September 1, 2010, is eligible to play under-14s rugby next season. Telephone 07967 021865 for more information.

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Lewys Smith was most promising player.

Shane Howells, clubman of the year.

School celebrates its Europe Day in style

ST DAVID'S C/W school celebrated Europe Day by taking part in a range of artistic activities, in the style of European artists.

Everybody dressed up as an artist and was very enthusiastic. Each class chose an artist and produced some very creative work inspired by Klee, Kandinsky, Miro, Mondrian, Matisse, Chagall and Cezanne!

A variety of activities took place, including weaving, painting and collage and a fun time was had by all!

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Who wants to be a volunteer?

THE BRIDGEND Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO) and more than 20 local voluntary and community groups, are coming together to celebrate National Volunteers' Week, from June 1-7, by holding 'Volunteer Information Days' in Bridgend town centre, on June 4-5, from 10.30am-3pm.

A spokeswoman said that the two-day event will give voluntary organisations the chance to highlight volunteering opportunities, as well as offering people a chance to find out how to volunteer in their community.

She said: "Sometimes people want to volunteer, but they are worried volunteering may take up all their free time. In fact, many people still don't know that BAVO hosts a volunteer centre in Commercial Street, Maesteg, and the friendly staff can answer all those questions."

Anyone interested in volunteering can telephone the volunteer centre and speak to Sharon or Karen on 810400, or alternatively visit the Wales volunteer website at www.volunteering-wales.net.

Maendy YFC starts count down to rally

THE countdown has begun to the Annual Rally Day of Glamorgan Young Farmers, which is taking place on Saturday, May 29.

Everyone is invited to the Pencoed campus of Bridgend College between 9.30am and 5.30pm for a day of fun and entertainment, including competitions and displays. There's something for everyone so bring all the family along!

Various competitions will be taking place, from craft exhibits, singing and dancing, to tractor handling and woodwork, not to mention the tug of war finale to round off the day.

There is also a rally dance in the evening – tickets available to purchase at Rally Day only. For further information, contact the county office on 01656 864488.

Maendy YFC are getting ready for the big day with weekly gatherings and practices, ensuring members are geared up for some top competition.

Recently, some club members enjoyed a weekend away in Torquay at the National YFC annual convention. Aside from the formalities of the AGM, there were three nights of entertainment and parties, along with competition finals.

A forthcoming spectacle on this year's club calendar is the 70th anniversary ball on Saturday, October 16, at the City Hall, Cardiff. *Further details will be available shortly but to reserve tickets in advance, or to contribute to the evening, contact club chairman Miss Natalie Lewis 07841 486440 (email lewisna_86@live.com).*

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Bridgend athlete gets a master class from champ Kelly Holmes

BRIDGEND'S Jonathan Hopkins enjoyed a dream athletics master-class with double Olympic champion Dame Kelly Holmes while training for this year's Aviva Welsh Schools Track and Field Championships.

Jonathan Hopkins pictured with Kelly Holmes and Ammanford athlete Jade Williams.

Litchard-based Hopkins (17), was among 54 rising athletics stars invited to attend a day of mentoring and specialised training with Dame Kelly, after winning the 1,500m at last year's Welsh Schools Championships.

Jonathan, a pupil at Brynteg Comprehensive, admitted the once in a lifetime opportunity at Loughborough College, sponsored by Aviva, had increased his determination to one day follow in Dame Kelly's shoes and win Olympic gold.

He said: "I think Kelly is so inspiring, so to have been given the chance is excellent.

"This year, I'm looking to win the Welsh Schools Championships again, and then run the 1,500m at the national championships as well.

"Beyond that, my first target is the Commonwealth Games in 2014 in Glasgow – I really want to represent Wales. Then I would love to compete at the Olympics in 2016 and 2020 – that's the ultimate goal."

Jonathan was joined by his coach, Ridley Griffith. Dame Kelly believes the Bridgend AC star will reap the rewards of the experience as his athletics career continues.

She said: "Jonathan definitely has a bright future in athletics and hopefully this mentoring day will help him."

The Aviva Home Countries Schools Championships form part of the Aviva UKA Academy, giving every child in the UK the chance to get involved in athletics by 2012. For more information see: aviva.co.uk/athletics

COMMUNITY NEWS
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TO celebrate the end of the 1939-45 World War, the Ewenny Community Council planted a tree on the grass verge in Corntown to mark the occasion on May 8.

Friends of the Heritage Coast held their Annual General Meeting at the Heritage Centre, Dunraven Bay on May 9.

The new audiovision room was open for display. Membership of the Friends remains stable.

It was reported that vandalism is still a problem in the area and the Quarella Stone parapet stones in the castle grounds have been vandalised.

To conclude the meeting, ranger Paul Dunn gave an interesting slide show of the work carried out by the rangers along the coast, and refreshments were taken.

It was noted that Paul is to tackle a Snowdonia challenge in aid of the Macmillan charity and we wish him every success.

ON May 11, St Brides Major branch of the Mothers' Union was host to the Bridgend Deanery Festival at St Bridget's Church with the St Brides Major Primary School choir.

After the service, refreshments were served at the Primary School.

ON Ascension Day (May 13), children of St Brides Major Church in Wales Primary School took part in a morning Eucharist at St Bridget's. A Eucharist service with hymns took place in the evening.

WICK Horticultural Society travelled to the Malvern Spring Flower show on May 9, an annual event for the society.

AT the annual general meeting of the St Brides Major Community Council, new officers were elected for the coming year: Chairman - Geof Gaen, Vice-chairman - Allan Morgan.

CONDOLENCES

THE funeral took place on May 17 at St Bridget's Church of Enid (nee´ Howe), late of Heol-y-Mynydd, daughter of a well known and respected family in the area. Condolences to all the family.

Bridgend Town Council NEWS IN BRIEF

Bridgend transport interchange welcomed

BRIDGEND Town Council has welcomed a planning application from BCBC's transportation and engineering department to construct a new road from Brackla Street to Bridgend Railway Station.

This will be the long-awaited transport interchange which will enable buses to pick up and drop off at the railway station to create an integrated transport system for the town and borough.

A mini-bus station is being proposed alongside the station on land that runs between the station and Brackla Street by the side of the telephone exchange.

The new road will be restricted to buses, taxis and cycles and there will also be a pavement.

No cars will be able to use it.

Funding has been provided by the Welsh Assembly Government.

Coun David Unwin said it had been delayed by land acquisition problems which had now been overcome, and the new interchange would come into operation last this year.

"And very welcome it will be," he added.

No gate for allotments

THERE is to be no gate erected at the entrance to the Great Western Allotments in Bridgend.

That was the outcome of a meeting of the town council's allotment sub committee, which was attended by representatives of the allotment holders.

The town council had received a letter from one allotment holder asking for a gate, because a number of sheds on the site have been broken into.

But Coun Maisie Williams told the town council that an informal discussion took place at the meeting about this issue and the allotment representatives felt that although some other allotment sites have gates, anybody wanting to get in could do so by climbing over walls or fences.

She said that allotment holders felt that thieves had been breaking in but taking nothing, because they were looking for expensive items like rotovators, but these are not kept on the site as everyone has been warned against doing that.

"They felt that they did not want anything done about the gate," she added.

The council decided to accept her report and await any further developments.

Beggars a 'blot on Bridgend'

THE issue of beggars in the streets of Bridgend has again been raised at the town council.

Coun Roger Marsh reported there had been two in the town centre recently. He had spoken to the police, but they said that it was difficult to take action.

"As soon as the beggars see them coming, they hide their cap or whatever the money is being put into," he said.

"Technically, then, they are not begging. But it is a blot on Bridgend. I wish the police could take more positive action, but they are doing their best."

He had raised this a number of times, but nothing had been done.

"We brought this up with the new Chief Superintendent when he was here, and I suggest we send him a letter asking for an update."

The council agreed to write to Chief Supt Carl Davies on this matter.

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GORCHYMYN CAU PRIFFYRDD (BEACH ROAD, MARCROES, LLANILLTUD FAWR, BRO MORGANNWG) 201-

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YR ATODLENNI

ATODLEN 1

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Disgrifiad o'r rhannau o briffordd sydd i'w cau o dan y Gorchymyn hwn.

Rhan o briffordd bob pwrpas ar siâp triongl ar ochr ddwyreiniol ysgubor segur (rhan o Village Farm, Marcroes) a elwir Beach Road wrth ei chyffordd â Ffordd Llanilltud gyferbyn â Castle Farm House sy'n mesur 14.6 o fetrau sgwâr a ddynodir yn ardal A ar y plan a adneuwyd.

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ATODLEN 2

Disgrifiad o'r datblygiad arfaethedig.

Trosi adeilad fferm sy'n segur yn annedd yn Village Farm, Marcroes, Bro Morgannwg yn unol â chaniatâd cynllunio a roddwyd pan wnaed apêl gan Arolygydd a benodwyd gan Weinidogion Cymru ar 23 Ebrill 2008 o dan Gyfeirnod Apêl APP/Z6950/A/08/2063400.

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

THE STOPPING UP OF HIGHWAYS (BEACH ROAD, MARCROSS, LLANTWIT MAJOR, VALE OF GLAMORGAN) ORDER 201-

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Welsh Ministers propose to make an Order under Section 247 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, to authorise the stopping up of the areas of highway described in Schedule 1 to this Notice.

If the Order is made, the stopping up will be authorised only in order to enable the development described in Schedule 2 to this Notice to be carried out. The Order will cease to have effect if the planning permission expires or is revoked.

During 28 days from 20 May 2010 copies of the draft Order and the deposited plan may be inspected during normal office hours at The Vale of Glamorgan Council, the Alps, Wenvoe, Vale of Glamorgan CF5 6AA or may be obtained free of charge from the address below quoting the Welsh Assembly Government reference CZ510-5-72-qA846497/1.

Within the above mentioned period of 28 days, any person may, by notice to the Welsh Assembly Government, TPG3, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ (quoting reference CZ510-5-72-qA846497/1), object to the making of the Order.

Please note: Should you wish to object, support or make representations, we may need to consult with people and organisations outside of the Welsh Assembly Government. As part of the process of consulting with others the information you have given us and your personal data will be passed to the applicant/developer and on occasion the local highway authority to enable them to respond to you. We will, however, only disclose your personal details where it is necessary to do so to enable us to deal with issues you have brought to our attention. Where a stopping up Order becomes the subject of a Public Inquiry (PI), all correspondence is copied to the Inspector of the Inquiry and is kept in the PI Library where it is publicly available.

A copy of the draft Order and Notice can be viewed on the Welsh Assembly Government's website at www.wales.gov.uk (Select: Legislation/Subordinate Legislation/Draft Legislation/ Draft Non-Statutory Instruments/Town and Country Planning Act Stopping Up Orders).

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Transport Planning and Governance Division

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

(All measurements are approximate)

Description of the areas of highway to be stopped up under this Order.

A triangular shaped area of all purpose highway on the eastern side of the redundant barn (part of Village Farm, Marcross) known as Beach Road at its junction with Llantwit Road opposite Castle Farm House and measuring 14.6 square metres identified as area A on the deposited plan.

A triangular shaped area of all purpose highway on the north eastern side of the redundant barn (part of Village Farm, Marcross) known as Beach Road at its junction with Llantwit Road opposite Castle Farm House and measuring 3.1 square metres identified as area B on the deposited plan.

An irregular shaped area of all purpose highway on the western side of the redundant barn (part of Village Farm, Marcross) known as Beach Road at its junction with Llantwit Road opposite Horse Shoe Inn and measuring 267.5 square metres identified as area C on the deposited plan.

SCHEDULE 2

Description of the proposed development.

The conversion of a redundant farm building into a dwelling at Village Farm, Marcross, Vale of Glamorgan in accordance with the planning permission granted on appeal by an Inspector appointed by the Welsh Ministers on 23 April 2008 under Appeal Reference APP/Z6950/A/08/2063400.

A COPY OF THIS NOTICE IN LARGER PRINT CAN BE OBTAINED FROM TRANSPORT PLANNING AND GOVERNANCE DIVISION 3, WELSH ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT, CATHAYS PARK, CARDIFF CF10 3NQ.

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Guiding UK in Vale appeals for more leaders

THE Vale Guiding movement is anxious for more people to come forward as volunteer leaders.

The district commissioner for the Vale, Jane Rudd, told The GEM that nationally there were almost 50,000 youngsters on waiting lists, but there was a looming crisis in leadership.

She explained: "In this area, not only do we have girls waiting to join but we have leaders who are leaving the movement for very legitimate reasons.

"In St Athan, Liz has run the Guides almost single handed for the last 30 years relying on parents to pop in and help, but she has to retire this summer.

"Jane re-opened the Brownies six years ago and re-opened the Rainbows last September, but she is the wife of a serviceman who is going to be posted next summer.

"She has had nine different helpers who were all from service families and were posted away. Jessica came along last September to help with the Rainbows and stayed to help at Brownies, but she is off to university next September.

"In Rhoose, there are two Brownie units with one leader each and parent rotas. One of them lived in the Vale then moved to Cardiff but comes back every week to open the unit and visit her mum."

Jane pointed out: "The situation for the Rainbow group in Barry is absolutely desperate; they will close at the end of May if no one can come to help.

"We need ladies to come forward to help us keep these units open. Guiding has so much to offer the girls and you would be amazed at what it could offer people as leaders. No qualifications are required, just the desire to have fun yourself and help others in the process."

Rainbows are for girls aged five to seven; Brownies for thoses aged seven to 10; Guides are for 10-14-year-olds.

For more information, telephone 0800 1 69 59 01; e-mail joinus@girlguiding.org.uk or go to the website www.girlguiding.org.uk. For a local contact call Jane can be contacte on 01446 750645.

TY HAFAN WINNERS

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number 618.

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For lottery information, please call telephone 02920 672062.

BRACKLA BUSINESSES

THE HEART OF BRACKLA – RETAINING AND DEVELOPING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

ONE of those 'facts' that everybody seems to know about Brackla is that it is, apparently, 'the biggest housing estate in Europe'.

It was a description, one suspects, that was coined as a bit of a put down, intended to conjure up an image of an endless stretch of 'little boxes' – as the Pete Seeger song of the 1960s had it.

Brackla is, of course, nothing like that and it has always been a sought-after residential area, with good connections to the M4 an undeniable bonus.

Although it does have a population of 11,000 residents within its borders, it retains a sense of community, with the 'Triangle' at its heart.

In fact, as time has passed, more and more essential elements of a community have gravitated to the Triangle, with a GPs' surgery and a vets' practice the most recent additions.

This followed the arrival, in 1997, of Brackla Tabernacle, where the congregation moved into a brand-new purpose-built church building, which has a strong community ethos.

What is more, this sense of the Triangle as the hub of the community can only grow, now that the new Archbishop McGrath RC School is under construction.

When finished, the school will have 750 pupils, with the obvious spin-off in terms of extra customers for the traders in the area.

Because new schools are now being designed to engage more with their community, the new development will bring extra sports facilities for use in the evenings and weekends, including an all-weather pitch, a multi-use games area and grass pitches spread over 8.1 hectares.

All in all, this means that the Triangle should continue to attract traders who want to offer their services, and customers who want to keep their own community vibrant by patronising local businesses.

Any family fancying a takeaway meal,is spoiled for choice at the moment, with cuisine on offer from around the world. Essential services are well catered for, with the aforementioned GP surgery and veterinary practice, as well as a local optician and dry cleaners.

Health and well being are well catered for too, and this is an area of Bridgend well known to anyone keen on keeping fit, with both a mixed gym and a ladies-only on site.

Clearly, Brackla's Triangle is an area that is growing in every sense, both economically and socially – very much the heartbeat of its community.

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Pictured above: The First Minister was a guest at the turf cutting ceremony for the new Archbishop McGrath School

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High flyer helps keep estate agents at top

A leading local estate agent is continuing to offer a five-star service to all its clients, after yet another member of its team gained a professional qualification.

Sharon Stephens MNAEA, has been with the Barry team, based in High Street, for just one year and her skills in this increasingly difficult industry have gone from strength-to-strength. Last week, Sharon sat the final section of the acclaimed Technical Award and passed with flying colours.

Many estate agents in the Vale, and across the whole country, felt the full force of the credit crunch and had to close their doors.

However, Chris Davies Estate Agents, with branches also in Rhoose and Llantwit Major, has not held back when it comes to investing in the training and development of their team.

Sales Manager Andrew Fenton, MNAEA/MARLA, told The GEM: "It has been a very hard couple of years, but we believe that the only way to move forward and keep delivering the level of service we promise our clients is to make sure that our staff are fully trained.

"As a local agent with more than 21 years' history, we have plenty of repeat business, with people using us for a number of moves at different stages in their lives.

"They would not keep coming back to us if they didn't trust us. To me, that speaks volumes about our professionalism."

Sharon will now be assisting Andrew from the Barry branch in providing a five-star service and expert advice to all their clients.

ABOVE: Sharon Stephens with Andrew Fenton.

'Jekyll and Hyde' both in Barry!

AN international touring group is staging one of British theatre's most popular plays on Saturday, May 22, at Barry's Memorial Hall.

The European Arts Company is presenting *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*, in co-production with Rhondda Cynon Taf Theatres,starring William Hartley.

For ticket information, telephone 01446 738622.

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Roadworks report

Plassey Street, junctions with Glebe Street, Ludlow Lane, Ludlow Street, Arcott Street and Windsor Road, Penarth *– carriageway width restrictions.*

Pontypridd Street, junction with Mount Pleasant, Barry *– footway restriction in place.*

Gladstone Road Bridge to Barry Waterfront *– temporary traffic control.*

Crowe and Scott's Robin Hood hits the target...

SCREEN TALK

by GARETH JAMIESON

THE chances are that if you haven't enjoyed at least one adventure of *Robin Hood*, riding through the glen with his merry men in tow, then you have most likely been hiding under the proverbial rock, such is the character's ubiquity.

Actors from Kevin Costner to Errol Flynn, and Jason Connery to John Barrowman have all worn the green felt and carried the bow and arrow to varying levels of success.

However, anyone who felt Costner's portrayal, replete with American accent, was the last word on the character will be enthralled by Ridley Scott and Russell Crowe's take on the character in the surprisingly titled *Robin Hood*, as the pair team up on screen for the fifth time.

Crowe plays the titular character, or Robin Longstride as he is known, an archer tasked with returning the crown of the slain Richard The Lionheart and the sword of Robert Loxley. Posing as Loxley, he discovers a ploy by the devious Sir Godfrey (Mark Strong) that will see French forces invading England, while also meeting the strong-willed Lady Marian Loxley (Cate Blanchett), abetted by his very own band of 'Merry men' (Kevin Durand, Scott Grimes and Alan Doyle)...

Much like the relationships between Johnny Depp and Tim Burton, and Martin Scorcese and Leonardo DiCaprio (formerly Robert De Niro), Ridley Scott and Russell Crowe have forged an alliance that has seen them hit great heights (*Gladiator*) and also lows (*A Good Year*), but it has been a relationship that has primarily afforded cinemagoers plenty of moments of entertainment.

Robin Hood marks their fifth team-up, and is a hugely entertaining, and somewhat revisionist, take on an age-old character.

If the trailers made it appear that the pair's take on *Robin Hood* was simply *Gladiator* with bows and arrows, then it is the folly of the marketing bods as opposed to any laziness on the part of director and star.

Comparisons could be made loosely as regards the nature of the story – a returning hero treated with contempt by those he fought for – but it's a comparison that is stretching it. Instead, it is a film that takes a well-worn tale, and seeks something a little unexpected and authentic than the portrayals of the basic 'rob from the rich, give to the poor' character that mainly make up Hood's various incarnations.

Scripted by Brian Helgeland, whose ability to mine the grit and grime from a story is well-known, constructs a tale that is less myth and more realism, a prologue of sorts to Hood becoming an outlaw, and it's a clever idea that is well executed. Helgeland puts in far more subtext than you would expect, but that doesn't feel too forced or out of place.

In fact, Helgeland eschews action set-pieces for meaty scenes of dialogue, with only three action sequences of note. While in the land of action blockbusters this would be a hindrance, instead the script allows you to delve into the characters and storylines, making a far more substantial offering than a mere swords, bows and arrows film.

Discussions about high taxations and the folly of costly, unsuccessful wars in other countries may be more 21st century than 12th century, but the parallels are there, giving the film a feel of pertinence and context. While not using these themes as a broad context, it does add a little extra meat to proceedings.

With Ridley Scott in the director's chair, the film looks absolutely gorgeous as you would expect, the film shot with great care and attention to detail.

With the sweeping shots and tinted visuals, it is reminiscent both of his work on *Gladiator* as well as *Kingdom of Heaven*, but Scott brings more than just old ideas to the table.

He has shown little desire in slowing down his workload, and why should he when he can offer direction like this, giving the action sequences a grandiose visual identity while imbuing the quieter moments with an eye for shot composition; it may not be the director's finest hour but he shows more skill and deftness of touch here than Michael Bay has shown in an entire career.

While, at 46, Russell Crowe is probably the oldest person to step into Hood's tights, the actor does a predictably good turn, riffing on the noble hero intent on vanquishing evil but bringing enough substance to the role to make him feel like a real character.

Crowe has enough nous and gravitas to bring the role to life, and his take on the character is less flash and far more serious than other versions. While his accent seems to have taken on a huge importance in the eyes of Mark Lawson, it isn't that huge a deal; certainly it adds to the authenticity that the film is going for and, yes, there are moments where it does slightly veer into Irish, but Crowe should be applauded for not going down the Kevin Costner route.

Around him is a cast of great pedigree that all do an excellent job. Cate Blanchett makes the character of Marian far more appealing, taking away the helpless damsel in distress routine, and making the character far more independent and stronger. As always, Blanchett is very good, locating the inner strength of a character struggling to keep her head above water as the pressures from outside threaten her way of life, and she shares a strong chemistry with Crowe.

Mark Strong is cornering the Hollywood bad guy market at the moment, and having been devilishly evil in *Sherlock Holmes* and *Kick-Ass*, adds another wonderful villain to his repertoire with Sir Godfrey.

While suffering from a lack of explanation (a plight that also affects several other characters), Strong still manages to make the character reprehensible, playing off the English and the French while relishing the opportunity to take the money of landowners – yet again. Strong shows the bad guys of film how it is done.

While Oscar Isaac does snivelling and gutless with aplomb as Prince John, William Hurt and Eileen Atkins bring weight to their performances, and while Kevin Durand, Scott Grimes and Alan Doyle, as the 'merry men', and Matthew Macfadyen as the sheriff of Nottingham, offer up enjoyable turns, they aren't used enough, nor given enough in their characters, to really factor.

That is one of the weaknesses of the film, that Robin, Marian and Sir Walter Loxley (a nice cameo from Max Von Sydow) aside, the characters aren't given enough motivation; the reasons for Sir Godfrey's actions are never explained, the sheriff is completely sidelined (though that may be another way of distancing this version from others) and the background of the 'merry men' is lacking – though no doubt this will be remedied in the sequel the ending broadly cries out for

Based on these adventures, it is a film that will hopefully live up to its entertaining opening instalment – what *Robin Hood* lacks in derring-do it certainly makes up for in brains and brawn, and makes for a hugely satisfying experience.

VERDICT – Another successful outing for the Ridley Scott/Russell Crowe team, *Robin Hood* lays down the framework for a franchise while being an entertaining venture on its own terms.

With Scott's epic direction and strong turns from a distinguished cast, the decision to revise the history of the character is one that works in spades – and gets bonus points for not having (Everything I Do) I Do It For You over the end credits! *Recommended.*

Pentecost weekend

HOLY TRINITY Presbyterian Church, Barry, will be open on Saturday, May 22 from 10am-12noon for a time of reflection and mediation, to celebrate Pentecost.

Everyone welcome.

PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS NEWS

Scenic stroll from Dunraven bay on to Heol-y-Mynydd

Pause at Castle-upon-Alun.

RECENTLY, on a rather unsettled morning, 15 walkers joined Val Williams for a trip down to Dunraven, which is part of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast that stretches for 14 miles from Aberthaw to Porthcawl.

They began from above Dunraven bay, a sand and pebble beach backed up by red sandstone cliffs that contain many unique fossils which have been exposed by the constant bashing of the sea.

On the opposite side of the coastline lies Trwyn-y-Witch or Witch's Point where an ancient Iron Age Hill fort stood, but the area is really dominated by the ruins of Dunraven Castle.

The castle was really a fortified manor and was used by the Glamorgan Red Cross as a hospital during both world wars. It was demolished in 1962 for safety reasons and now only the only evidence of its history is the walled garden that has been refurbished.

The Welsh Assembly Government have a scheme in place called Tir Gofal, which enables members of the public to enjoy the delights of the countryside through using paths that have been opened up by permission of the landowner.

The group followed part of the Tir Gofal track to the gatehouse of Dunraven Castle before descending to Pant y Slade.

Making their way up past Pool Farm, they reached Pitcot Pool that fills up from springs and surface water and was responsible for serving the local community with their water until piped water was fully established.

From St Brides Major, the group crossed fields to the small hamlet of Castle-upon-Alun. Here, the lovely old stone packhorse or clapper bridge as it is known – from the noise the hoofs of the horses made as they crossed – stands guard over the River Alun.

The group made their way to the nature reserve of Coed y Bwl, renowned for the thousands of wild daffodils or Twm Dilies as they are locally known that are on show each spring.

Having disappeared, the ground was covered with wood anemones and bluebells and well worth the visit before the group stopped for coffee nearby.

Crossing the clapper bridge and the railway line, the group made their way to Wallas Farm where they joined the bridle path that led them back across the Alun River by means of stepping stones.

A steep climb followed in order to reach Castle Down and lunch in the shelter of gorse bushes to keep out of the strong cool wind blowing across Ogmore Down.

From the highest point of their walk, as visibility was good, they had terrific views of the surrounding countryside before moving via Beacons Down to the small hamlet of Heol-y-Mynydd. At Groes Farm, they followed the bridleway back to the coast and walked the cliff top back to their cars.

The second summer evening walk will leave the Blue Anchor car park at 7pm on May 20 for a 3-mile easy walk at the East Aberthaw Nature Reserve and the salt flats; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

Rucksack badges, programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2021 9102.

JOY STRANGWARD

Major investment in library services is announced...

LIBRARIES and museums in the Vale and Bridgend are to get more than £432,000 worth of grants from the Welsh Assembly Government.

The money is part of a £4 million package to develop the work of libraries, museums and archives throughout Wales, announced by Minister for Heritage Alun Ffred Jones.

The grant funding supports a range of projects that vary from large scale modernisation of public library buildings to supporting volunteer-run museums.

Cowbridge Library is to receive £299,886 for refurbishment and modernisation.

Bridgend Library Service receives a grant of £22,000 to continue work in developing learners' skills and a grant of £18,031 to support the innovative Books4U project that enables the public to borrow books from libraries across south east Wales.

The Vale of Glamorgan Library Service receives a grant for £65,000 to lead on co-ordinating the work of a regional library development officer to promote partnership working between libraries in South East Wales to promote improved public access to the libraries in the partnership. It will also receive a grant of £28,236 for a project to develop the delivery of their services.

Alun Ffred Jones said: "I am delighted to announce these investments which will improve public access to the rich collections of our local museums, archives and libraries.

"These grants will help museums and archives across the country to enhance their work in preserving and presenting our heritage through conservation work, and developing new exhibitions, online resources and educational activities that will bring the collections alive for a new generation of people."

PENARTH COMPUTER CLUB

How to make your text look professional

DO you sometimes wish that you could make the documents you print a little more exciting? Perhaps a bit easier to read? There are those who would like to do it, but can't spare the time to do all the formatting to achieve the desired result. Help is on the screen.

Previously, I explained how a spreadsheet is a tool that could save an enormous amount of work, especially if you have to use lots of numbers. See our website notes on penarthcomputerclub.co.uk.

The great labour-saving device mentioned in the bit about formatting cells within a spreadsheet also applies to text in documents and Autoshapes (more about Autoshapes later). It is a button called the Format Painter.

When writing a document you can make some of the text bold, italic, underlined, coloured, larger, smaller, a different typeface or any combination of the above. This is done by a series of clicks to highlight the text, then, for example, click on Formats>font, then select the font, font style and size and click OK.

This enables you to give variety to the appearance of your writing or to stress the importance of some of the words.

In the same way you can alter the spacing between the lines or whether the writing is aligned to the left, to the right or centred.

Let's say that you have done a lot of typing and then decide that you would like to re-style several bits of it to match a section that you spent some time adjusting to get it just as you wanted it. The last thing you fancy doing is repeating all the work you did to set up the special appearance. You don't have to work so hard.

Simply click on any piece of the already-formatted text; click on the Format Painter button on the standard toolbar (it shows a paintbrush) and then highlight the text you want to paint. That text instantly takes on all the attributes of the original selection. The Format Painter is automatically cancelled.

If, however, you want to repeat the process many times, then double-click on the Format Painter button and it will continue to paint new text until you click on it again to cease painting.

The Autoshapes I mentioned are available from the Drawing Toolbar. To open the Drawing Toolbar right-click on a blank part of any toolbar and select Drawing, from the list that drops down. The Drawing Toolbar will appear at the bottom of the window.

Autoshapes provide a selection of lines, connectors, stars, banners, flow-chart shapes and more. They are wonderfully customisable and can be formatted extensively. They can be used in a simple way or combined to make complex drawings and the Format Painter can also be used to great effect. I suggest that you explore the possibilities even if it is just for fun.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 25. Kevin will be looking at how Windows 7 is performing six months after its release. Visitors and new members always welcome. For more information ring me on 029 20708439.

HOWARD DESMOND

Out and About with The GEM

Bugsy Malone is heading to Penarth!

ABOVE: The cast of Bugsy Malone, which is heading for the Paget Rooms, Penarth from June 16-19.

BUGSY MALONE will be staged at the Paget Rooms, Penarth, from June 16-19 at 7.30pm. Tickets £8 and £6, available from box offices at 'A & A' Dancewear, Park Crescent, Barry, and 'Copy-It' Holton Road, Barry. (For further information, call 01446 400055).

Art AGM

THE annual general meeting of Cowbridge Art Society will take place on Thursday May 27, at 7pm in Old Hall, High Street, Cowbridge.

Lifesaving lottery prizes

THE top three winners in the May 14 draw of the Lifesaving lottery, from Wales Air Ambulance were:

£1,000 winner – Mrs J Vidler. Bangor Isycoed, Wrexham (LL70913); £200 Winner – Mr M Elson. Maesteg, Bridgend (LL45696); £100 Winner – Mr I Deacon, Pencoed, Bridgend (LL28733).

A spokeswoman stated: "The Lifesaving lottery supports the work of Wales Air Ambulance, with guaranteed cash prizes of up to £1,000 every week.

"The scheme has become a vital part of fundraising for the charity. Thousands of pounds are raised by paying just £1 a week, and comprises a massive 1/3rd of the support received to keep helicopters in the air."

To join the Lifesaving lottery, call 0844 85 84 999 or visit www.walesairambulance.com for more information and to view the latest lottery results.

TABLE SALE

WENVOE WI is hosting a table top sale at the Community Centre in Wenvoe on Saturday, May 22 from 10.30am-12 noon.

WI cake stall, plants, bric-a-brac, Phoenix Cards, woodcraft, produce etc. raffle. Admission 50p. Includes tea and biscuits.

Vale beaches keep the Blue Flag flying high!

WHITMORE Bay (Barry Island) and Penarth Marina are celebrating – after retaining Blue Flag awards this year.

The coveted award for top class beaches and marinas was established in France in the late 1980s, and is managed in Wales on behalf of the Denmark-based Foundation for Environmental Education by Keep Wales Tidy.

A Vale Council spokeswoman said: "Beaches are judged against 30 criteria, which means that Barry Island will have met strict conditions, such as the highest water quality mark, strict litter management, dog control, visitor safety and sustainable environmental ethics.

"Penarth Marina is one of only five marinas across Wales to receive the honour. Marinas are judged on 16 land-based criteria, including adequate waste reception facilities, provision of life-saving equipment and a written commitment to safeguard local environments."

Council leader, Coun Gordon Kemp, commented: "This is wonderful news for the Vale, especially as we have managed to retain both flags for another year.

"This is a clear indication of how dedicated our staff are to maintaining the high quality of our beaches and Penarth Marina and I would like to extend thanks to them for all their hard work."

Actors' fundraising gig

YOUNG actors from the Bridgend Youth Theatre (BYT) are planning a night of entertainment in the Stage Door venue at the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl, as a fundraiser for the company.

As the BYT are currently rehearsing the musical Sweeney Todd – a highly-disciplined and intense production – the fundraising night is planned as a chance for the cast to let their hair down and do their own thing...

The evening takes place on Wednesday, June 9, and tickets are available from the Grand Pavilion box office on 01656 815995.

Author's work helps Ty Hafan

A LOCAL author has just published his third collection of short stories and poems – and once again a popular local charity will benefit.

Brynmor Evans is a retired British Steel ambulance driver, and his two previous books were published to raise funds for Macmillan Nurses and the Sandville Self-help Centre respectively.

His latest book (costing £3 with £1 going to the charity) will benefit Ty Hafan children's hospice.

The book is available from Brynmor (telephone 01656 742008) and can also be bought at Arlene's Florist or Jeff Kent (barber) in Kenfig Hill, and at Cornelly Hardware Stores.

Sponsored bicycle ride and barbecue to power a charity

PEDAL POWER, Cardiff's leading cycling charity, making cycling accessible to people of all ages and abilities, is holding its annual sponsored bicycle ride followed by a barbecue on Saturday, June 19 to raise funds for the organisation.

There is a choice of three routes: setting your own distance around Pontcanna Park; riding along the Taff Trail to Tongwynlais and back (12 miles); or cycling from Brecon to Pontcanna (52 miles).

Transportation to Brecon inclusive of bicycles is provided. With only a few weeks left it is essential to register for your sponsorship pack and any bicycles you may need for the day by ringing 02920 390713.

Pedal Power is a charity that aims to make cycling accessible for all ages and abilities with a wide range of specialised and accessible bikes available for hourly, daily and weekly hire.

For further information on Pedal Power, log onto www.cardiffpedalpower.org.

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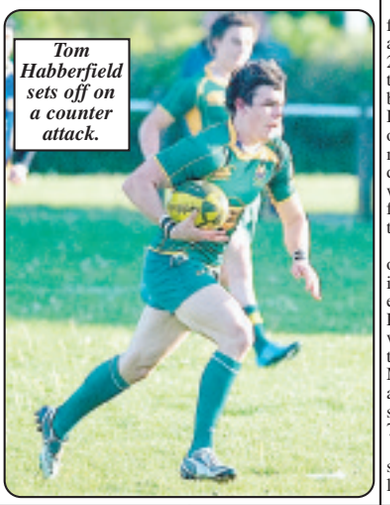
Athletic Youth sweep aside plucky Penallta

ABOVE: Luke Morgan.

ABOVE: Lewis Harrhy.

James Olds takes evasive action

Tom Davies kicks ahead.



Tom Habberfield sets off on a counter attack.

BRIDGEND ATHLETIC YOUTH	**53**
PENALLTA YOUTH	**3**

THE Athletic Youth reached the final of the Welsh League competition with this resounding win over the champions of Gwent.

The Athletic got off to a great start, and from a five-yard lineout, they created a ruck close to the Penallta line and switched the ball back for winger Luke Morgan to squeeze over in the corner. Tom Davies converted.

Within minutes, another five-yard lineout was won and the ball was moved to fly-half Matthew Morgan, who chipped over the line for centre Tom Habberfield to score. Davies converted and the Athletic were off to a dream start.

Five minutes of nip and tuck rugby ensued, with Penallta showing a willingness to compete with the Athletic in an open game, but it was the Athletic who drew the next blood when centre James Olds had a great run and put Luke Morgan over his second try.

Unfortunately, Olds had to leave the field shortly afterwards with a nasty mouth injury. Tom Davies then increased the lead to 22 points with a simple penalty.

Tom Habberfield then charged down a Penallta kick just inside their own half and followed up to gather the ball and race away for a heartbreak score for the visitors.

Penallta have proved before that they have plenty of spirit and threw everything at the Athletic to stem the tide, almost scoring a try under the posts but the defence held as strongly as ever and the visitors came away with just a penalty for their efforts, when the Athletic were deemed to have collapsed the resulting scrum.

Although the half-time score of 29-3 seemed to be an unassailable lead, the Athletic were not going to let complacency set in.

A good spell of evenly-matched rugby ensued until Tom Habberfield fed a lovely inside ball to Lewis Harrhy on the halfway line, and he ran well to link with his fellow winger Luke Morgan, who crossed under the posts for a great try, converted by Davies.

The Athletic were rampant now and a great bout of passing gave replacement fly-half Tom Parry a try in the corner which went unconverted. The Athletic now sent on their complete bench and maintained their pattern, with Rhys Jones setting up a great situation for the ball to be moved left, giving Morgan his fourth try which Davies converted.

Parry completed the scoring with his second try under the posts. This was another ruthless display against dogged opponents and the Athletic now have the opportunity for revenge for their only defeat in two seasons, when they meet Glamorgan Wanderers this Saturday in the final.

Bridgend woman is added to GB cycling elite squad

ABOVE: Angharad Mason.

A BRIDGEND woman cyclist has been selected for the Great Britain cycling team.

It means that 30-year-old Angharad Mason of Coytrahen will be riding alongside fellow Welsh cyclist Nicole Cooke as she prepares for the 2010 Commonwealth Games.

Educated at Ysgol Gyfun Llanhari, Angharad studied physiotherapy at Manchester University before beginning her professional career at the Princess of Wales Hospital. She now works as a physiotherapist at the One to One therapy clinic at the Esporta Health Club, Bridgend.

A karate black belt, she took up running at the age of 19 and has since completed the London Marathon five times. It was a friend who then suggested a charity bike ride across Israel in 2008.

Having developed a passion for cycling, her first race was an Abergavenny Auchterlonie handicap in March 2009 and she has progressed relentlessly since then, winning her first local race of the 2010 season in Exeter. That prompted the Rapha Condor team to sign her up for the Women's Team Series.

Cycling with Nicole Cooke, her first race for the GB team was at the end of April in the Omloop van Borsele before switching to Belgium for the GP Stad Roeselare. She is now clocking up the miles while training with Cardiff-based Cycling Clubs JIF and Escentual/For, and she has now secured the sponsorship of Graham Paul Chartered Accountants.

With hopes of competing in the 2010 Commonwealth Games that will be held in Delhi this October, Angharad is excited at the opportunity to learn from local cycling hero Nicole Cooke.

She said, "The call up to the GB team came as a real surprise. I've only been cycling for two years so it is a real honour to be competing alongside Nicole, but cycling is a hard sport and doesn't attract the kind of financial rewards and sponsorship deals that other sports command.

"I am particularly grateful to Graham Paul Chartered Accountants for their support as I work to secure my place in the GB team."

Injury depleted Pencoed have tough weekend

AFTER wins for both the firsts and seconds last week, Pencoed CC had a disappointing weekend, with both sides beaten in league action.

The first team were hampered by players not being available and missed last week's top batsman and bowler. Pentwyn batted first and took advantage of a weakened bowling attack, totalling 288-8 off their 45 overs.

Dean Oram with 2 for 46 off his 10 overs and Rhys Morgan with 2 for 57 off his 10 were the pick of the Pencoed bowlers. In response, Dean Oram was the only batsman to offer much resistance to a decent Pentwyn attack with 37, as Pencoed fell well short of the total.

The second team lost off the penultimate ball in a tight game against early pace setters Dinas Powys. On a tricky wicket, Pencoed got off to a slow start, with Martin Mills scoring 53 and Alex Gregory top scoring with a fluent 72.

Rhodri Owen got stuck into the bowlers late on with several lusty blows in a quick fire 30, and Pencoed finished on a respectable 206-8.

Pencoed then tore into the Dinas Powys batting line up and Tony Kennett (3-43) and Craig Jenkins (2-28) had Dinas at 37-5 but they recovered to reach the target in the last over.

On Sunday, the club travelled to Porth with only 10 players and things didn't get much better with two others picking up injuries in the game.

Pencoed batted first and reached 179 all out, with Wayne Thomas top scoring with 51 and Craig Jenkins hitting 26 at the end of the innings.

In response, Porth reached the total with several overs to spare and ran out comfortable winners.

This week, the first team are at home to Cefn Forest and the seconds travel to Abertillery.

Team news can be found on the clubs website www.pencoedcc.co.uk.

B Attack stay in the clear

Athletico Brackla.

DAY SLEEPERS inflicted the first defeat upon Bridgend six-a-side Premier Division leaders B Attack, by 2-0, with Scott Croll starring.

Franco Bregua was influential for Croissants as they took full advantage of the leaders' slip-up with a commanding 5-0 defeat of Persil Boys.

Athletico Brackla continue to set the pace in Division One, but were made to work hard for their latest maximum point haul with a battling 4-3 win over Dead End Jobs. Hardly Athletic are closing in on the promotion spots as Paul Richards starred in their 3-1 victory over Team Extreme.

If anyone is interested in joining the Bridgend six-a-side Leisure League, they can call 0845 230 2340 or visit www.leisureleagues.net

Premier Division

Team Name	Played	Goal Diff	Points
B Attack	8	21	13
Croissants	8	22	11
Day Sleepers	8	4	11
dunraven	8	4	9
Hangover Heroes	8	-3	8
Racing Inter	8	-11	5
The Pie Boys	8	-14	5
PERSIL BOYS FC	8	-23	2

Division 1

Athletico Brackla	8	18	15
Bulldogs	8	1	12
Hardly Athletic	8	6	10
Dead End Jobs, But Football Gods	8	3	7
Young Exiles	8	2	6
Laleston Lions	8	0	6
Team Xtreme	8	-8	4
BTCV cymru	8	-22	4

Runners head for Newport

THE Gelligaer Farmers Hunt Steeplechases take place this Saturday at Lower Machen, and a number of horses from the Vale are expected to take part.

Racing gets under way at 2pm with the members' race, and Wales' leading rider John Mathiasp will be hoping to add to his seasonal tally of 28 wins.

BRIAN LEE

NFU's charity golf day is huge success

A FUNDRAISING golf day in aid of amserjustintime, a local charity set up to help patients and families effected by pancreatic cancer, and held at The Grove Golf Club, raised more than £5,000.

Organised by local NFU Mutual Group Secretaries David Harris and Julian Kelly, the competition attracted more than 150 competitors, all attempting to win some of the excellent prizes on offer.

Sian Cothi, the actress and singer who set up the charity in memory of her late husband Justin, was in attendance to present the prizes, and also to express her appreciation to all who supported the event.

Results: Nearest the pin on the par three holes –

Neil McCloughlin, Nikki Hughes, Mike O'Leary, Terry Vick.

Longest drive – ladies, Helen Calvert – men, Kevin O'Brien.

Ladies individual winner - Nikki Hughes with 30 points.

Men's individual winner - Carl Yardley with 38 points.

Team event – Third with 104 points, Rainbow International; Runner up with 108 points, Tigger & Co; Winning team – Neil Boobyer's team with 113 points. **T.McC**

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
A4226 - "FIVE MILE LANE"
PUBLIC CONSULTATION INFORMATION AND QUESTIONNAIRE

The Vale of Glamorgan Council is in receipt of a Principal Road Grant from Welsh Assembly Government

We would like to know your views about the A4226 – Five Mile Lane which links Barry at the Waycock Cross Roundabout with the A48 at Sycamore Cross.

You can do this by completing the questionnaire opposite which is to be returned to the FREEPOST address stated or by visiting the Council's website **www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk** and following the links to the online questionnaire.

You may contact the Council's OneVale contact centre on 01446 700111 or by email to visible@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk for further information

The consultation process is to get your views about this road and to explore the basis for possible solutions should problems be established.

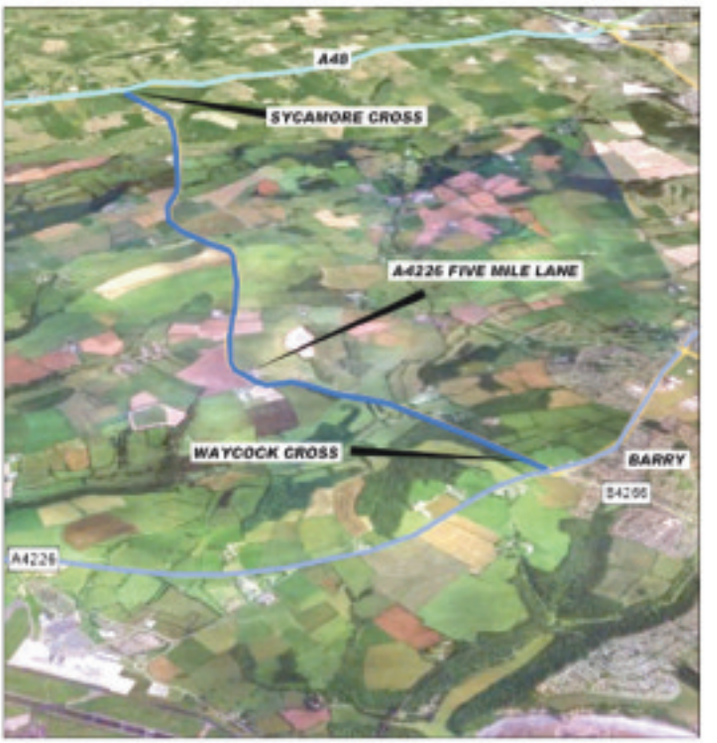
Please complete the questionnaire on the page opposite with relevant ticks and adding any additional comments which may be continued on a separate sheet of paper.

Access to Information

The Vale of Glamorgan Council will use the questionnaires to develop ways to improve transport in and around the Five Mile Lane corridor. The questionnaires will be disposed of securely after they have served this purpose.

A summary of the responses to the consultation will be published.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council is subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 2000, (FoI) and Environmental Information Regulations (EIRs) which means that the questionnaires may be released in response to a request for information. However, all personal data will be treated in line with our obligations under the Data Protection Act, 1998.



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A4226 - FIVE MILE LANE

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For any of the questions you may continue your response on separate paper if necessary.

Question 1 Do you consider that the Five Mile Lane presents problems to:

	YES	NO
A Motor vehicle drivers?		
B Pedestrians?		
C Cyclists?		
D Horse riders?		

E Others? Please describe

Question 2
If you consider that there are any problems on Five Mile Lane.
(Please tick those that apply) **(Please describe briefly)**

A Problems at Waycock Cross Roundabout? .... _____

B Problems at Sycamore Cross Junction? .... _____

C Lack of overtaking possibilities over most of the route? _____

D Lack of facilities for pedestrians? .... _____

E Lack of facilities for cyclists? ..... _____

F Lack of facilities for horse riders? ..... _____

G General safety for the travelling public? ..... _____

H Other. Please describe

Question 3 Which measures would you see as helping to address the problems identified in Question 2? **Tick all that apply**

A Improved bus services .....
B Park and ride facilities .....
C Park and share facilities .....
D Pedestrian and cycling facilities .....
E Community Transport ....
F Improvement of visibility ....
G Other, please describe

Question 4 Which of the following **best** describes your interest in the study? **Tick all that apply**

A I am a regular traveller along Five Mile Lane ....
B I am an occasional traveller along Five Mile Lane ....
C I am a local resident (e.g. I live along the route or in Moulton, Walterston, Dyffryn or other community near the route) ...
D I own / lease land along the corridor of the Five Mile Lane ....
E I am a tourist or a visitor to the area ....
F Other interest. Please describe.

Question 5 If future works are identified for Five Mile Lane, please list **3** factors in order of importance (**1** being most and **3** being least) which should be taken into account when developing a solution

A Impact on residential property ....
B Impact on landscape ....
C Impact on farms and businesses.....
D Protection of wildlife .....
E Access for tourism .....
F Improved facilities for non-motorised users ....
G Other. Please describe.

Name: .....

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Please print your name, address and post code in CAPITALS.

This is only required to check the geographical origin of responses.

Question 6 Please add any other comments you may have

For your protection and privacy, please refer to the Access to Information, Freedom of Information and Environmental Information Regulations clauses on the previous page

Please return the questionnaire by Friday 28th May 2010 to:
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Vale of Glamorgan Council
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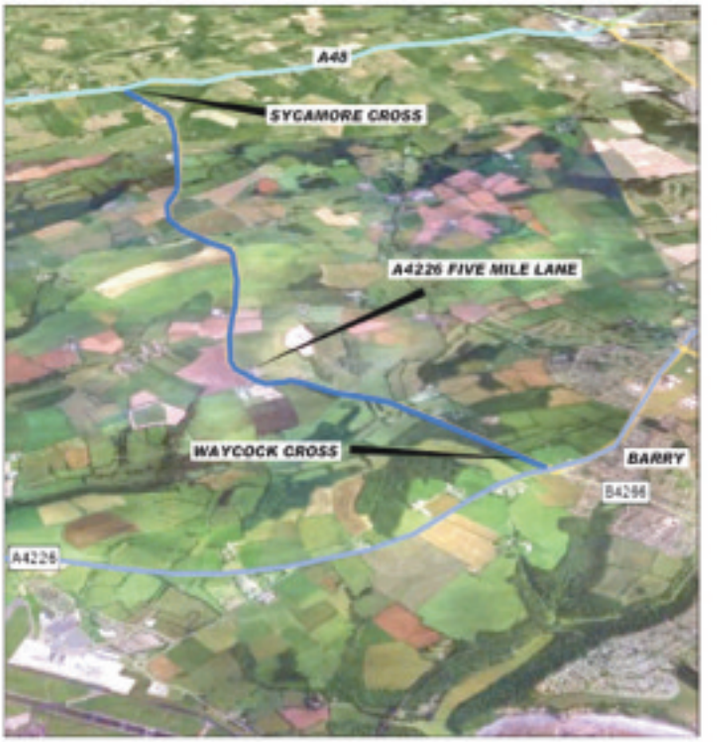

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	YDW	NAC YDW
A Gyrwyr cerbydau?		
B Cerddwyr?		
C Seiclwyr?		
Ch Marchogion ceffylau?		

D Grwpiau eraill? - Rhowch fanylion

Cwestiwn 2 - Os ydych yn teimlo bod problemau yn Five Mile Lane,
Ticiwch bopeth sy'n berthnasol. **Rhowch ddisgrifiad bras**

A Problemau wrth gylchfan Waycock Cross ... _____

B Problemau wrth gyffordd Sycamore Cross .... _____

C Does dim lle ar y rhan fwyaf o'r heol i oddiweddyd .. _____

Ch Diffyg cyfleusterau i gerddwyr ... _____

D Diffyg cyfleusterau i seiclwyr ... _____

Dd Diffyg cyfleusterau i farchogion ceffylau ... _____

E Mae'n bygwth diogelwch cyffredinol teithwyr .... _____

F Problemau eraill. Rhowch fanylion

Cwestiwn 3 - Beth a allai ddatrys y problemau yng nghwestiwn 2, yn eich barn chi? **Ticiwch bopeth sy'n berthnasol.**

A Gwella gwasanaethau bysiau .....
B Darparu cyfleusterau 'parcio a theithio' .....
C Darparu cyfleusterau 'parcio a rhannu' .....
Ch Darparu cyfleusterau ar gyfer seiclwyr a cherddwyr .....
D Darparu trafnidiaeth gymunedol .....
Dd Sicrhau ei bod yn haws gweld wrth deithio ymlaen .....
E Camau eraill. Rhowch fanylion

Cwestiwn 4 - Pa un o'r gosodiadau canlynol sy'n egluro orau pam yr ydych wedi ymddiddori yn yr astudiaeth? **Ticiwch bopeth sy'n berthnasol.**

A Bydda' i'n teithio ar hyd Five Mile Lane yn rheolaidd ...
B Bydda' i'n teithio ar hyd Five Mile Lane o bryd i'w gilydd ....
C Rwy'n byw yn yr ardal (sef wrth ymyl yr heol neu ym Moulton, Trewallter, Dyffryn neu gymuned arall sy'n agos i'r heol) ....
Ch Rwy'n berchen ar dir/rhentu tir yng nghoridor Five Mile Lane ...
D Rwy ar wyliau yn yr ardal/rwy'n ymweld â'r ardal .....
Dd Rheswm arall. Rhowch fanylion.

Cwestiwn 5 - Petai gwaith yn Five Mile Lane yn y dyfodol, pa **3** ffactor y dylid eu hystyried wrth benderfynu sut i fwrw ymlaen, yn eich barn chi? (Nodwch y rhain yn nhrefn pwysigrwydd gan ddodi **1** ar bwys y ffactor pwysicaf a **3** ar bwys y ffactor lleiaf pwysig).

A Yr effaith ar eiddo'r trigolion ....
B Yr effaith ar y dirwedd .....
C Yr effaith ar ffermydd a busnesau ....
Ch Yr angen am warchod bywyd gwyllt ....
D Mynediad i ymwelwyr ....
Dd Cyfleusterau ar gyfer pobl heb geir ....
E Ffactor arall. Rhowch fanylion.

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Barrie and family thank all relatives and friends who sent messages of sympathy during their sad loss, also for the donations so generously given to the charities of Valerie's choice. We thank the medical teams of Velindre, the Doctors and Nurses of Marie Curie Hospice and those of High Street Surgery, Barry, for their dedication.
A service to remember, celebrating Valerie's life was conducted by the Rev Delyn Lyddell, held at Crossways Methodist Church, Barry.
A.G. Adams provided the dignified services.

POOLE
Graham
On May 12 at Milsom House, St Athan. Graham, husband of the late Irene, loving father to David and Sue, and grandfather to Angharad. Funeral service at Llanblethian Church on Friday May 28 at 2.15pm, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium. Family flowers only.

Kenfyn Roberts
On May 15, peacefully at home with his family. Adored husband of Mary, dearly loved father of Owain, Bethan and Ceris and their families. He will be greatly missed by all.
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Birth Notices

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Brian Welch
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Llantwit Major juniors enjoy end-of-season tour

LLANTWIT MAJOR'S under-10s, 11s and 12s took to the road in their first ever tour.

They went to St Davids for the weekend, culminating in their respective age group games at St David's RFC.

A brilliant time was enjoyed by the boys and the coaches and helpers. All credit must be given to Dean Bunting for an enormous amount of work planning the tour.

As for the game between the under-11s and St David's RFC, the result went to the opposition, the score being 35 – 33.

The first try went against the run of play as Llantwit put St David's under pressure, only for the opponents to make a break out of their 22 and score.

With two more quick tries going to St David's, it looked as if the late night that the boys had was taking its toll.

Most teams would have easily given in, but with some true grit, the under-11s stuck to their task and with excellent mauling by man of the match Luc Morgan, the ball was quickly passed out to the right wing Alex Parry for him to race to the try line and score.

The spectators hearts were in their mouths, as Alex aimed to dive to score and memories came flooding back to last season where he dropped the ball in mid air!

The lesson was obviously learned as this time he made sure and grounded the ball.

With the game poised at three tries to one it was all to play for.

The boys stuck to their task and Alex Parry scored his second try and it was game on. With the forwards winning both ruck and maul, the ball was passed to Tom Slimmings, who passed to the outside half.

Unfortunately, the boys have been watching too much of the Ospreys games and the ball was intercepted and St. Davids went into half time of four tries to two.

The second half started with Llantwit in a much more determined frame of mind and, with some good training ground moves coming off, left wing Evan Holloway, burst through the defence – only to be denied by a last ditch tackle.

Undeterred, Joe Nott, who was enjoying his time as a centre, scored the third try for Llantwit.

All the tries were converted by outside half Harry Morgan-Grant and this meant that the game was there for the taking.

Unfortunately, Harry took a knock and came off. This opened the door for Ben Simpson-McCourt to come on and make his name, with Alex Parry and Joe Nott both scoring again.

The final score was St. Davids 35 – Llantwit Major 33.

With a little bit of 'what if and maybe this' who knows what the score could have been.

Thanks go to the Llantwit Major mums and dads who travelled to St. Davids to cheer their boys on.

With some excellent rugby this season, it has been a pleasure to be part of the coaching set up.

Under-11s quad: Luc Morgan (man of match), Alex Parry, Joe Nott, Alex Wear, Joe Hanson, Scott Ankin, Scott Bunting, Ethan Forrest, Taylor Mason, Cai Jones, Ben Simpson-McCourt, Tom Slimmings, Dylan White, Evan Holloway and Harry Morgan-Grant.

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Vale schools tennis festival proves a smashing success!

ABOVE:
Children from four primary schools in the Vale took to the courts at Penarth Lawn Tennis Club to take part in an annual tennis festival for pupils with disabilities and additional needs.

CHILDREN from four primary schools in the Vale have taken to the courts at Penarth Lawn Tennis Club to take part in an annual tennis festival for pupils with disabilities and additional needs.

Thirty one youngsters from Ashgrove, Ysgol Maes Dyfan, Gwenfo and Palmerston primary schools all enjoyed a variety of tennis activities, with some playing the sport for the first time.

This was the second year that the festival has been held after last year's inaugural event proved a hit with youngsters and teachers alike, and was organised by the Vale Council's Disability Sport Wales development officer Simon Jones, together with Simon Clarke from Tennis Wales, and Penarth Lawn Tennis Club professional coach Rob Cunningham.

Simon Jones said: "I was really pleased with how the day went. All the pupils enjoyed themselves, which reflects on how good the coaches from Tennis Wales were. Older pupils from Westbourne School were also a huge help on the day by putting to good use the experience that they have picked up on Dragon Sport Organiser courses.

"Hopefully, this event will lead to more tennis being played in schools, so that the children can continue to improve their skills."

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Tae Kwon Do girls on form in championship

Sarah Herbert and Sam Lemmer

RECENTLY, the International Combat Organisation held its Welsh open championships in Ebbw Vale Leisure Centre.

Rising Phoenix Club competed and the first category was the patterns/forms, including traditional, creative and a weapons category.

Sarah Herbert managed to fend off stiff competition to win first place and become the ICO Welsh champion, followed by her team mate Sam Lemmer, who took second place.

Then the competition really took off with all five areas being used for fighting. Sarah Herbert took part in the +160cm, under-17s section of the tournament. This is probably one of the harder sections, as she was the only girl in a male-dominated category.

She fought her way through the rounds, taking on bigger, heavier and older boys to make it through to the finals.

In a hard fought final, Sarah was beaten into second place, losing by only one point.

Well done to both girls who competed.

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All ages in May four-ball event

LEFT:
Josh Morgan, Sally Hopkins, Mike Hurry and Steve Hopkins

A LARGE number of competitors took part in the four-ball-better-ball competition at RAF St Athan Golf Club over the May bank holiday.

As is tradition, this competition a man partners either a lady or a junior member, so a draw took place to finalise the pairings.

Although chilly at times, the weather stayed dry and some great golf was played, with the leader-board continuously changing as the cards came in.

Ladies captain Sally Hopkins and Mike Hurry stormed the course to win the competition with a magnificent 48 points; second place went to Ryan Harris and Dave Weston with 45, and third place, with a very respectable 44 points (on count back), went to Josh Morgan and Steve Hopkins.

The twos sweep was divided between five players; John Davies, Luke Allbrighton, Steve Hopkins, Josh Morgan and Steve Kenyon.

John Davies was the lucky winner of 'lunch for two' which was very kindly donated as the main raffle prize by the New York Deli, High Street Arcade, Cardiff.

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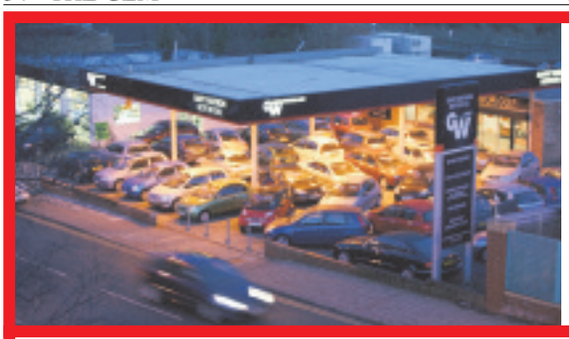

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KENFIG HILL FIRSTS ALL PLAYED OUT...

KENFIG HILL FIRSTS v TONDU

KENFIG HILL, playing three days after their heroics in the plate final, lost 18-0 in a surprisingly open game where there were more yellow cards than most people have dandelions in their gardens!

Kenfig Hill missed a series of penalties and crossed the line on more than one occasion only to have the scores disallowed.

The ever-accurate Dean Thomas of Tondu scored a try, conversion and two penalties with Ben Thomas adding a further try.

Tom Briggs gave a man of the match performance for Kenfig Hill with Ray Evans at full-back having another good game. Youth winger Lewis Morgan made a promising debut on the wing.

...but then turn in 'scintillating' display

KENFIG HILL FIRSTS v GLYNNEATH

TWO days after the Tondu game the Mules were away to Glynneath in a game in which the winning side would take third spot in the league and Kenfig Hill did not disappoint playing some scintillating rugby to win 31-10.

Centre Chris Tossell scored two tries with brother Matthew playing at full-back scoring with a brilliant individual effort.

Wing Rhys Stanton scored a try, as did scrum-half Tom Briggs. Outside-half Gareth Lewis kicked three conversions.

Glynneath replied with a try, conversion and two penalties, all in the first half.

For Kenfig Hill, back row forward Mathew Bater gave a man of the match performance with Matthew Tossell being the pick of the backs. Scott Waller and Richard Underhill also had good games for the forwards.

Gareth Lewis on a run v Glynneath.

Mules Youth knocked out of Cup

KENFIG HILL/ CORNELLY YOUTH v TONDU YOUTH

THIS game was the semi-final of the District Cup and Kenfig Hill/Cornelly Youth lost to Tondu Youth.

For the Mules, barnstorming prop forward Jamie Uren scored a try and captain Shaun Burnell scored a try, conversion and penalty.

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Alun Brace taking a tackle v Glynneath.

Kyle Evans showing determination in beating the Tondu centre.

Rhodri Clark about to off-load against Tondu.

Bright start for Pencoed Phoenix

PENCOED Phoenix enjoyed mixed fortunes at the Abergavenny RFC Festival held at the Usk showground.

The senior women's trophy was a straight shoot out between Barry and Phoenix, as the only entrants in this category.

The pace of the Phoenix side was to prove far too much for their plucky opponents. Tries flowed from Sarah Hughes (two), Samantha Humphrey (two), Hannah Leigh Young (two), and Tammy Bungay, for Phoenix to claim the first trophy in their brief history.

At under-18 level, Phoenix opened the tournament against North Dorset, and survived early scrummage pressure from their bigger opponents, and eventually got the decisive score of the match, games being played over 14 minutes, with no half - time.

The next game against Cynon Valley, was a fiery affair, revealing the bottle within the ranks at one particular set to! Again against much bigger opponents, Phoenix this time went down by 10 - nil. The highlight of the match for Phoenix supporters was a superb cover tackle from diminutive scrum half Chloe Pope to save a probable score.

Aylestone were next, and in a 5-5 draw, the talented Robyn Wilkins weaved her way through from the number 10 position for the Phoenix score. Carmarthen Quins were to go on and win the round robin tournament, with Pencoed Phoenix finishing a creditable fourth in their first competition at this level.

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Porthcawl Running Club 'is up and running'!

THE Porthcawl Running Club is now fully up and running with training and social evenings every Wednesday and Friday, meeting at the Porthcawl Rugby Club at 6.30pm.

There is an organised group for beginners which, walks/jogs approximately two miles and three other groups, which cater for distances of three miles, six miles and 10 miles. Speed work sessions are also available for advanced runners.

The number of runners within the club has now increased to more than 50 and there is a balance between male and female. After training, particularly on the Friday evening, there is a pleasant atmosphere in the rugby club where the various groups meet up for a chat and refreshments.

Club performances of note last month were Hywel Davies (3 hours 19mins) at the London Marathon and Gabriella Maine (3hours 35mins), and the injured Nicola Thomas (4hours 51mins) at the Brighton Marathon.

You are welcome to come and try us out, to see if it is what you may be seeking in terms of your leisure activity, and that includes runners who are part-time residents at the Trecco Bay caravan site.

Please email porthcawlrunners@hotmail.co.uk if you require further information.

CHARLES JONES

Police youth players show great promise

SOUTH Wales Police RFC travelled to Cwmgrach for their last fixture of the season, however they were struggling to put out their strongest team due to injuries and work commitments.

CWMGRACH	**26**
SOUTH WALES POLICE	**24**

However, the Police Youth game was cancelled at short notice, making several players available to make their senior debut.

Within two minutes, Youth wing Jac Evans off-loaded to youth captain Lee Roderick, who forced his way over in the corner to give the Police the lead.

The home side hit back straight away with a converted try, but the Police hit back in fantastic fashion with a try from inside their own 22, going through several sets of hands before the ball was finally off-loaded by flanker Jason Davies to put wing Rhodri Jenkins under the posts. Captain Gerald Hodgson added the two points.

The Police continued to pile on the pressure and run the bigger home side forwards around the field. The next try came through influential strong-running centre Adam Williams, who went on a great solo run, and Hodgson added the extra points.

Cwmgrach closed the gap with another converted try.

The Police again extended their lead with another great solo try from youth full back Craig Davies, but the home side again hit back another converted try, making the score 21-24.

The game was played at a great pace and both teams tried to finish the game off, but the home side with the bigger pack managed to force their way over to steal the victory 26-24.

The Police should feel really unlucky not to come away with a victory, but they did come away with two well-deserved losing bonus points.

This was definitely a positive way to sign off the season knowing that seven youth team players will move up next season to blend in with the experience currently in the senior squad. The future looks good for 2010-2011 playing season.

Solid performances came from Stuart Elson, Mathew Jones, Karl Davies and Sean Ellis.

Athletic Youth sweep aside Police Youth

THIS Bridgend and District Cup semi-final at Waterton Cross was the first meeting between these two clubs for many a year, with the Police having reformed this season and acquitting themselves well in Ospreys League 'F'.

Bridgend Athletic Youth	**60**
South Wales Police Youth	**8**

However, they were soon to find out the quality of an Athletic side that has swept all before them in Ospreys League 'A'.

The Police kicked off and forced the Athletic to fumble, and from the ensuing play they were awarded a penalty, but the attempt fell short. With only four minutes on the clock, the Athletic had the put in at a scrum and number eight Sean Derrick fed Tom Davies, who made a lovely break resulting in Luke Morgan going over in the corner for a great opening try which Davies did well to convert.

Shortly afterwards, from a similar position, Athletic caught the police at the base from their own ball, turned it over, and a great bout of passing among the back row resulted in left wing Rhys Jones going over in the corner. The conversion failed.

Then, from an Athletic ruck 15 yards out, the ball was spun along the backs for Luke Morgan to get his second corner try, which Davies again converted. The Police managed to pull a penalty back through Huw Rosser, but with only 14 minutes gone they had a mountain to climb.

The Athletic scrum was looking strong, with tight head Rhodri Apsee exerting his influence in both tight and loose alongside his fellow prop Njabulo Dladla. From one of these scrums, centre James Olds made a lovely break to put captain Lloyd Evans over for an unconverted try.

The Police responded with a great run by left wing Jack Evans, which was only halted by a great tackle from full back Michael Powell. The pace that the Athletic introduced into the game was relentless, and from a quick tap, Rhys Jones had a long weaving run before handing over to flanker Adam Evans, who finished the move, a feat Evans repeated five minutes later. Tom Davies converted one of these to leave the half time score 36-3 in favour of the Athletic.

The Athletic used their whole bench just before the turn but Lloyd Evans went over on his ankle shortly afterwards, to leave the Athletic to play the remainder of the half with 14 men.

The Police were not about to give up, but outside half Tom Parry decided to change tack and jinked over from thirty yards out. The conversion was declined.

Parry repeated his feat with rampaging run to the corner to put the game out of sight.

The Police then scored a rare try against the consistently mean Athletic defence. Two further tries by Owain Evans and James Olds, both converted by Davies, completed the scoring and the Athletic will meet old rivals Tondu in the final.

Porthcawl Lions Day of Golf

PORTHCAWL Lions Club are holding their third annual charity golf day at the Grove Golf Club, Porthcawl, on Friday, June 4.

This year, the charities they are supporting are Glaze, the prostate cancer charity based at the Princess of Wales Hospital, and for the first time, they are supporting Breast Cancer Wales.

Lion David Richards said: "We are anxious to promote golf for ladies and at the same time support this worthy charity."

The cash raised will be split between these two charities. The day includes coffee on arrival, a buffet lunch, and prizes for the longest drive, nearest the pin and overall winners, runners-up and third place.

The cost in supporting these charities is £130 for teams of four. The event runs from 9.30am to 1.30pm, with prize giving at 6pm attended by the Mayor of Porthcawl.

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